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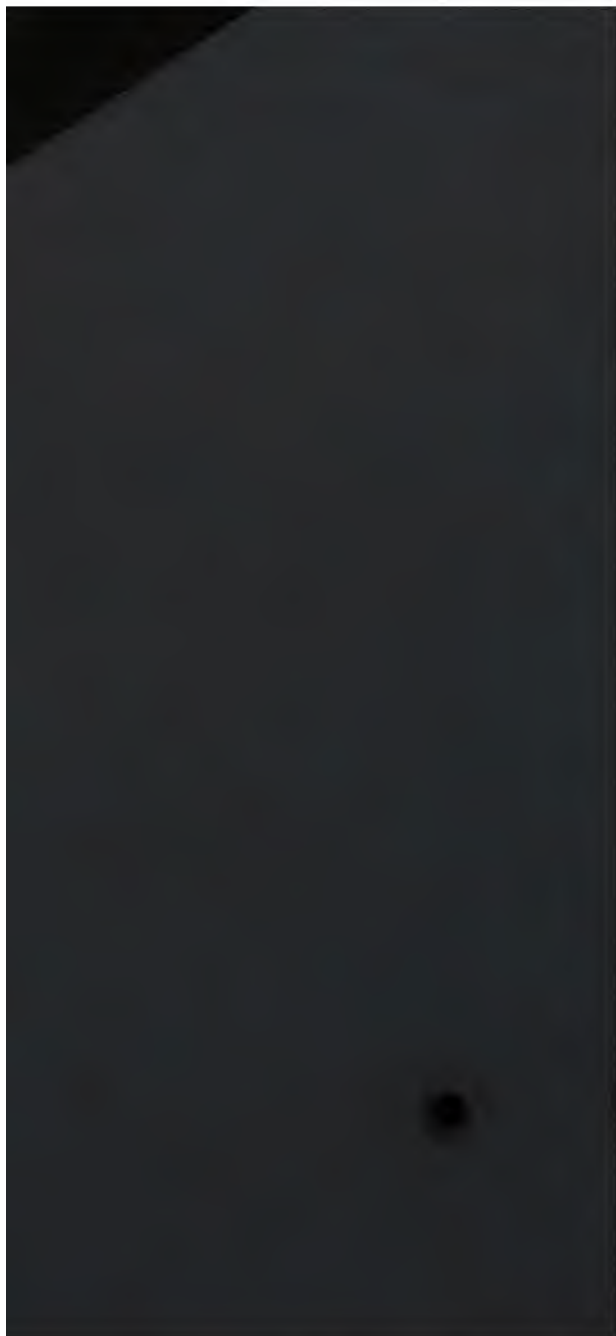
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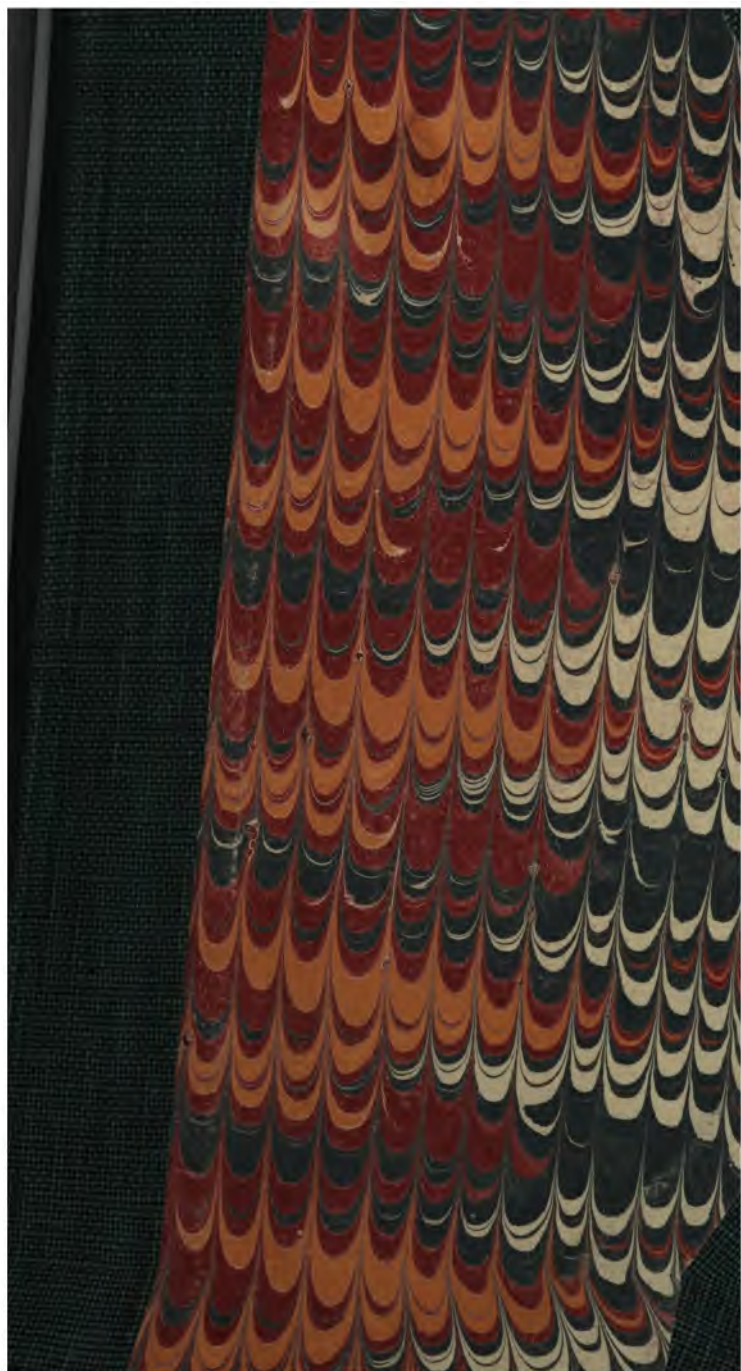
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INTRODUCTORY NOTICE.

THIS volume has been prepared especially for Universalist Sunday schools and homes. It presents a larger number of services than is usual in our liturgies. Provision is made for each Sunday in the year, with services applicable to festival and other special occasions. Brevity has been consulted, but not at the expense of the great purpose of a liturgy: a help to devotion and spiritual training. We have attempted to utilize, for benefit to children, as many devotional psalms, with a few passages from the prophets, as we well could within the limit of a year; and also to produce, by way of Gospel lessons, a large number of scenes from the life of the Saviour. It was thought best not to distribute the Hymns throughout the Liturgy, but to gather them into a separate department. The Hymns suitable for the several services are indicated.

In preparing the "Psalms" and "Gospels," we have felt free to select such portions, and to place them in such order, as seemed desirable for the purpose above set forth. We have not scrupled, when the occasion demanded, to substitute for *pronouns* the *nouns* for which they stand, and sometimes have changed the *person* and *number of verbs* and their *subjects*, and sometimes the *tenses*; but in no case, we believe, is there a perversion of the original sentiment. The "Gospels" are made up from a "Harmony," such particulars being taken from each writer as it was supposed would make the narrative most clear.

Only a few of the special services have the Order set forth in detail. The order recommended for common observance is as follows:—

1. *Singing*, either of a Hymn, or, if convenient, from the singing-book used in addition to this Manual. If such a one is desired, we suggest "Songs of Joy," issued by the publishers of this volume.

2. *The Psalm*, the leader using the paragraphs printed in Roman letters, the others responding with those printed in Italics. Minor pauses, better to

ensure reading in concert, are marked thus: (|). During this exercise let all stand.

3. *The Gospel*, to be read by the leader.

4. *Prayer*. Let all, standing, join by voice in this exercise throughout. If any prefer otherwise, let all say the *Amen* audibly. Let the Infant Class pronounce the Lord's Prayer immediately following. Minor pauses are marked, as before. Let voices be distinct but subdued.

5. *A Hymn*: one of those assigned to the service in the Index. Let it always be a Hymn, that children may accustom themselves to devotional praise.

6. *Addresses*: which may well be upon some topic connected with the exercises.

7. *Lessons*.

8. *Singing*, or other *General Exercise*. The "Winchester Profession" may be repeated in concert, or the Commandments in response. They are provided for such use. They may be employed at alternate services, or the Profession may be generally used, substituting the Commandments for one Sunday in the month.

9. *Benediction*, or *Ascription*, for which several forms are set forth.

We supplement the Services with a few forms for home use by very little children.

In submitting these Services to the test of use we invoke the blessing of the FATHER of us all. May the spirit of JESUS accompany them, and souls be blessed by them.

G. L. D.

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For a *Funeral Service*, either for child or for adult, Service XLI. may be used; or if it be required on another day than Sunday, and at some other place than the Sunday-school room, use the Psalm numbered 4, the Gospel, and the Prayer, with such singing as may be convenient.

If an *Anniversary Service* is desired, other than that appointed for *Children's Sunday* (XXVI.), No. LIV. may be used.

For *Rural Excursion*, No. XXVII. may serve.

There can be little difficulty in distributing the Services through the year. The following are fixed:—

- I. *New Year*, for the first Sunday in January.
- XXVIII. *Independence*, for the first Sunday in July.
- XLVI. *All Souls*, for the first Sunday in November.

XLIX. *Thanksgiving*, for the Sunday after Thanksgiving Day.

LIII. *Christmas*, for the Sunday nearest to the 25th of December.

LIV. *Old Year*, for the Sunday after the preceding, if any remains during the year.

The following may be appointed at discretion :

XXVI. *Children's Sunday*, for some Sunday in June, the second having been recommended by the General Convention of Universalists.

XLI. *Memorial Sunday*, for some Sunday in October.

V., XVI., XXVII., XL. *Winter, Spring, Summer, Autumn*, for appropriate Sundays in those seasons respectively.

Easter Sunday, taking with it *Palm Sunday* (the Sunday next before it) and *Whitsunday* (the seventh Sunday after it), is movable. With the services for those days we furnish Calendars for a number of years. When necessary, the order of the services must be broken, that those appointed shall come upon the proper Sunday.

If there should be 53 Sundays in the year, as in 1876, 1882, 1888, one of the services in October or November may be omitted; if 52, as usual, and No. LIV. is to be used, drop out one of those in October or November, and one in April or May, unless Children's Sunday and Whitsunday occur on the same day.

A YEAR OF WORSHIP.

I.

THE NEW YEAR.

THE PSALM.

THE LORD is my Shepherd :

I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures :

He leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul :

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness | for His Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death
I will fear no evil :

For Thou art with me : Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of my enemies ;
Thou anointest my head with oil ; my cup runneth over.

*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me | all the days of my
life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord | forever.*

THE GOSPEL.

Repentance.

NOW in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Cæsar, came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, and saying, "Repent ye : for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." And John was clothed with camels' hair, and with a girdle of skin about his loins ; and he did eat locusts and wild honey. And there went out unto him all the land of Judea, and they of Jerusalem, and were all baptized of him in the river of Jordan, confessing their sins.

And the people asked him, saying, "What shall we do, then ?" He answereth, and saith unto them, "He that hath two coats, let him impart to him that hath none ; and he that hath meat, let him do likewise." Then came also publicans to be baptized, and said unto him, "Master, what shall we do ?" And he said unto them, "Exact no more than that which is appointed you." And the soldiers likewise demanded of him, saying, "And what shall we do ?" And he said unto them, "Do violence to no man, neither accuse any falsely ; and be content with your wages."

And as the people were in expectation, and all men mused in their hearts of John, whether he were the Christ, or not, John answered, saying unto all, "I indeed baptize you with water; but One mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: He shall baptize you with the Holy Spirit, and with fire." And many other things in his exhortation preached he unto the people.

And it came to pass in those days, that JESUS came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized of John in Jordan. And straightway coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon him. And there came a voice from heaven, saying, "Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

PRAYER.

OUR FATHER in Heaven, who hast ever cared for us, we thank Thee that Thou hast kept us until this New Year, in health and joy. We see Thy goodness in all our blessings, and would praise Thee for it. We thank Thee, especially, that Thou hast made our lives glad | through Thy truth; that Thou leadest us | in paths of righteousness; that Thy goodness and mercy follow us | all our lives; that JESUS, Thy beloved Son, has taught us of Thee, and of Heaven.

And now, as we remember our ignorance and frailty, may we repent of our sins, and turn wholly to Thee. Help us to give up every evil way, and to make this New Year our happiest year. Keep our lips from evil, and our tongues from speaking guile. Give us Thy Holy Spirit, that we may love Thee truly, and serve Thee faithfully. May we love each other, and do good, as we have opportunity. Thus may the world be the better | for our living in it; and, when Thou pleasest, take us to our heavenly home, through JESUS CHRIST our Lord. *Amen.*

* OUR FATHER who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. *Amen.*

* Let the Lord's Prayer be uttered by the Infant Class, in response to the former prayer.

II.

JANUARY.

FOR THE PSALM.

THE earth is the LORD's, and the fulness thereof: the world,
and they that dwell therein.

*For He hath founded it | upon the seas, and established it | upon
the floods.*

Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand
in His holy place?

*He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart: who hath not lifted
up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.*

He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, and righteousness
from the God of his salvation.

*Lift up your heads, O ye gates! and be ye lifted up, ye everlasting
doors, and the King of glory shall come in.*

Be ye followers of GOD, as dear children :

*And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep
our hearts and minds | through Christ Jesus.*

THE GOSPEL.

The New Birth.

THERE was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews.
The same came to JESUS by night, and said unto him, "Rabbi, we
know that thou art a teacher come from GOD; for no man can do these mira-
cles that thou doest, except GOD be with him." JESUS answered and said
unto him, "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he
cannot see the kingdom of GOD. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and
that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

"And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the
Son of man be lifted up: that whosoever believeth in him should not perish,
but have eternal life. For GOD so loved the world, that He gave His only be-
gotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him might not perish, but have ever-
lasting life. For GOD sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world,
but that the world through him might be saved."

PRAYER.

WE thank Thee, heavenly FATHER, for the blessings of the past week: for continued life, and health, and friends, and pleasure. And we would especially be thankful | for the love Thou didst show to the world, in sending JESUS, the Friend of us all, to save us. We thank Thee for his life of goodness, and purity, and faithfulness; for his words of truth and comfort, and for the privilege we have, through him, of coming nearer to Thee, our loving FATHER.

And we pray for new blessings: for clean hands and pure hearts; for minds free from vanity and wickedness; for the peace which comes from righteousness. May we have such a new birth of our souls, that we may, even now, on the earth, enter into the kingdom of Heaven. May Thy Spirit move within our hearts, so that evil may be driven from them, and goodness made all-powerful. May we indeed follow Thee, as dear children, and walk in love, as Thou and CHRIST also have loved us. To Thee be all praise. *Amen.*

[*The Lord's Prayer, in response.*]

III.

JANUARY.

FOR THE PSALM.

HO, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters;
And he that hath no money, come ye, buy and eat.

Yea, come; buy wine and milk without money, and without price.

Wherefore do we spend money | for that which is not bread? and our labor | for that which satisfieth not?

Hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good;
And let our souls delight themselves in fatness.

Behold, God is our Salvation.

We will trust, and not be afraid.

For the LORD JEHOVAH is my Strength and my Song ;

He also is become our Salvation.

Sing unto the LORD ; for He hath done excellent things.

Therefore with joy will we draw water | out of the wells of salvation.

THE GOSPEL.

Living Water.

WHEN JESUS left Judea, and departed again into Galilee, he must needs go through Samaria. Then cometh he to a city of Samaria, called Sychar, near to the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Now Jacob's well was there. JESUS therefore being wearied with the journey sat thus by the well. It was about noon.

There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: JESUS saith unto her, "Give me to drink." (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, "How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, who am a woman of Samaria?" (For the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans.) JESUS answered and said unto her, "If thou knewest the gift of GOD, and who it is that saith to thee, 'Give me to drink,' thou wouldst have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water." The woman saith unto him, "Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: whence then hast thou that living water? Art thou greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his children, and his cattle?" JESUS answered and said unto her, "Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again. But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life."

PRAYER.

OUR FATHER in Heaven, we thank Thee | for another day of rest, of peace, and of instruction for our souls. We thank Thee | for the water that refreshes our bodily life, so plentifully provided. And since our souls are more precious than our bodies, we would sincerely thank Thee for the living water, which Thou hast supplied through JESUS CHRIST. We thank Thee that his truth cheers us | when our souls are weary, and gives us hope and comfort from above.

May we willingly and lovingly go to his Word | and Thine, for instruction. Help us, by Thy Spirit, earnestly to desire that truth | which is good for our souls, and to feed on it. Help us to trust in

Thee, and not be afraid. May we all drink of the water that JESUS gives, and never thirst again. May we enjoy the hope that never fails, and the love that never wearies. Forgive our sins, and help us to sin no more. Stir our hearts to righteousness, and may we love Thee | as Thou lovest us. We ask in the name of JESUS, our Saviour, whose disciples we would be. *Amen.*

[*The Lord's Prayer, in response.*]

IV.

JANUARY.

THE PSALM.

MAKE a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands.
Serve the Lord with gladness: come before His presence with singing.

Know ye that the LORD, He is GOD: it is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves:

We are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise: be thankful unto Him, and bless His name.

For the Lord is good: His mercy is everlasting; and His truth endureth to all generations.

O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

The Lord reigneth: let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad.

THE GOSPEL.

God a Spirit.

THE woman of Samaria saith unto JESUS, "Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet. Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship." JESUS saith unto her, "Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the FATHER. But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the FATHER in spirit and in truth: for the FATHER seeketh such to worship Him. GOD is a Spirit: and

they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth." The woman saith unto him, "I know that Messiah cometh, which is called CHRIST: when he is come, he will tell us all things." JESUS saith unto her, "I that speak unto thee am he."

The woman then left her waterpot, and went her way into the city, and saith to the men, "Come, see a man which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the CHRIST?" Then went they out of the city, and came unto him.

In the meanwhile his disciples prayed him, saying, "Master, eat." But he said unto them, "I have food to eat that ye know not of. My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me, and to finish His work."

And many of the Samaritans of that city believed on him for the saying of the woman, which testified, "He told me all that ever I did." So when the Samaritans were come unto him, they besought him that he would tarry with them: and he abode there two days. And many more believed because of his own word; and said unto the woman, "Now we believe, not because of thy saying: for we have heard him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the CHRIST, the Saviour of the world."

PRAYER.

HEAVENLY FATHER, we thank Thee | for the mercy that is everlasting, and for the truth that endures to all generations. We praise Thee | for Thy continual goodness, and rejoice | that Thou dost reign over all people. We bless Thee | that Thou madest us souls, able to worship Thee: able to sing Thy praise, to thank Thee for all joy, to think of Thee as our FATHER, to trust in Thee, and to pray to Thee for all good. We thank Thee | that JESUS was sent | to be the Saviour of the world.

May we worship Thee | in spirit and in truth. Help us, our FATHER, to love Thee, and to do Thy will. May we receive JESUS | as our Saviour and our Friend. May we worship Thee, not only by word and form, but in the beauty of holiness. And may we leave behind | all our faults, and seek to be like our Saviour: obeying and following him | all our days. May it be our daily meat and drink, as it was his, to do our whole duty. Forgive us, and enable us to enter into the life eternal. *Amen.*

[*The Lord's Prayer, in response.*]

V.

WINTER.

THE PSALM.

PRAISE ye the LORD; for it is good to sing praises unto our
GOD:

It is pleasant; and praise is comely.

He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds.

He telleth the number of the stars; He calleth them all by their names.

Great is our LORD, and of great power: His understanding is infinite.

Sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving; sing praise unto our God.

He sendeth forth His commandment upon earth: His word runneth very swiftly.

He giveth snow like wool: He scattereth the hoar frost like ashes.

He casteth forth His ice like morsels: who can stand before His cold?

He sendeth out His word, and melteth them: He causeth His wind to blow, and the waters flow.

Praise ye the LORD.

Sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving: sing praise unto our God.

THE GOSPEL.

The Nobleman's Son.

THERE was a certain nobleman, whose son was sick at Capernaum. When he heard that JESUS had come out of Judea into Galilee, he went unto him, and besought him that he would come down, and heal his son: for he was at the point of death. Then said JESUS unto him, "Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe." The nobleman saith unto him, "Sir, come down ere my child die." JESUS saith unto him, "Go thy way; thy son liveth." And the man believed the word that JESUS had spoken unto him, and he went his way.

And as he was going down, his servants met him, and told him, saying, "Thy son liveth." Then inquired he of them the hour when he began to amend. And they said unto him, "Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him." So the father knew that it was at the same hour in which JESUS said unto him, "Thy son liveth:" and himself believed, and his whole house.

PRAYER.

OUR heavenly FATHER, who hast made summer and winter, and whose are the day and the night, we thank Thee for all the seasons | in their order, and for the knowledge we have | that all work Thy purposes of good. We thank Thee for the storm, as for the sunshine; for the cloud, as for the clear sky; and for the faith that every storm will be lulled, and every cloud dispelled, when they have done Thy work. We thank Thee for the hope | that all clouds will be lifted from human souls | by Thy love, and all storms of passion and sorrow | be calmed to peace.

And, O FATHER, make our faith in Thy eternal goodness | more firm and strong. May we not repine at our disappointments, but be patient | amid all our troubles. May we feel the truth | that the darkness and the light are both alike to Thee; and firmly trust | that Thou dost ever hold us | in Thy loving remembrance. If the world shall ever seem cold and dreary, may we hope in Thee for coming warmth, and beauty, and peace. And in the hour of pleasure, may we not forget our Father, our Saviour, or our Home.
Amen.

[*The Lord's Prayer, in response.*]

VI.

FEBRUARY.

THE PSALM.

HOW lovely are Thy tabernacles, O LORD of hosts!
Blessed are they that dwell in Thy house: they will continually praise Thee.

Blessed is the man whose strength is in Thee, in whose heart are Thy ways.

I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.

For a day in Thy courts is better than a thousand.

I had rather be a door-keeper | in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.

For the LORD GOD is a Sun and Shield ;

The Lord will give grace and glory :

No good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

Peace be within thy walls, and prosperity within thy palaces.

O Lord of hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in Thee.

THE GOSPEL.

The Sermon at Nazareth.

AND JESUS came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up : and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up for to read. And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written, "The Spirit of the LORD is upon me, because He hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor ; He hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the LORD."

And he closed the book, and gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him. And he began to say unto them, "This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears."

And all bare him witness, and wondered at the gracious words that proceeded out of his mouth.

And JESUS went his way, and came down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee, and taught them on the Sabbath days. And they were astonished at his doctrine : for his word was with power.

PRAYER.

WE would lift up our hearts to THEE, our FATHER in Heaven, in joy and thanksgiving. We bless Thee | for the nature Thou gavest us, through which we were made in Thy image. We

thank Thee | for the blessing that comes to us | in worship and spiritual instruction. We rejoice in the word preached by the Saviour: the word of deliverance, and liberty and peace: the good news of our salvation. We thank Thee for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory: for Christian churches, and Christian ministers, and the mansions of Thy immortal love.

May we be more faithful. May our souls ever keep the right way. May we listen to the gracious words of JESUS. Help us to worship Thee as we ought. May we find the temples of prayer and praise | always dear to us. May we have strength in Thee. May we avoid the house of wickedness, and hate all evil habits. May we find the peace and prosperity | which come from doing good, and may we ever trust in Thee. And when we can no longer worship Thee on earth, may we continue Thy praise | in the world immortal. *Amen.*

[*The Lord's Prayer, in response.*]



VII.

FEBRUARY.

THE PSALM.

I LOVE the LORD, because He hath heard my voice and my supplications.

Because He inclineth His ear unto me, therefore will I call upon Him | as long as I live.

The sorrows of death compass us, and the pains of hell get hold upon us: we find trouble and sorrow.

Then call we upon the name of the Lord: O Lord, I beseech Thee, deliver my soul.

Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;

Yea, our God is merciful.

Return unto thy rest, O my soul; for the LORD hath dealt bountifully with thee.

Thou hast delivered our souls from death, our eyes from tears, our feet from falling.

What shall we render unto the LORD for all his benefits toward us?

We will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord.

O praise the LORD, all ye nations : praise Him, all ye people.

For His merciful kindness is great toward us : and the truth of the Lord endureth forever.

Praise ye the LORD.

Gracious is the Lord, and righteous : yea, our God is merciful.

THE GOSPEL.

Works of Healing.

IN the synagogue at Capernaum, where JESUS was, there was a man with an unclean spirit; and he cried out, saying, "Let us alone: what have we to do with thee, JESUS of Nazareth? Hast thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art—the Holy One of GOD." And JESUS rebuked him, saying, "Hold thy peace, and come out of him." And when the unclean spirit had torn him and cried out with a loud voice, he came out of him.

And JESUS entered into Simon's house. And Simon's wife's mother was taken with a great fever; and they besought him for her. And he stood over her, and rebuked the fever, and it left her; and immediately she arose and ministered unto them.

And JESUS went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness, and all manner of disease among the people, and his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with demons, and those which were lunatic, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them.

And there came a leper to JESUS, beseeching him, and saying, "LORD, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean." And JESUS, moved with compassion, put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, "I will: be thou clean." And immediately the leprosy departed from him.

And at Capernaum they brought to JESUS a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed. And when they could not come nigh to JESUS because of the multitude, they went upon the house-top, and let him down through the tiling with his couch, into the midst before JESUS. And he, seeing their faith, said unto the palsied man, "Son, be of good cheer; thy sins are forgiven thee." And behold, certain of the scribes said within themselves, "This man blasphemeth.

Who can forgive sins but God only?" But JESUS, perceiving their thoughts, said, "Wherefore think ye evil in your hearts? For which is easier? to say Thy sins be forgiven thee? or to say, Arise, and walk? But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins — (he said unto the palsied man) — I say unto thee, Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thy house." And he arose, took up the bed, and went forth before them all, glorifying God.

PRAYER.

OUR FATHER in Heaven, we rejoice and trust in Thy merciful kindness, and thank Thee | for all Thy benefits toward us. We bless Thee, because Thou hearest our supplications: because Thou givest us peace, when in trouble we call, with childlike hearts, upon Thee: because, when we sincerely ask it, Thou forgivest our sins. We praise Thee for the life of JESUS, who went about doing good; who set us an example of holy living; and who showed us, in his love and truth, the image of Thy love and truth.

May we render to Thee, for all Thy benefits toward us, not only the praise of our lips, but the duty of our lives. May we be Christian youth, and Christian men and women: having compassion for the sufferings, and for the sorrows, of our fellows, and showing kindness, as we may have opportunity. May we seek the forgiveness of our sins, abhorring all that is evil, and cleaving to all that is good. May we love Thy Son, our Saviour, and follow him in all things. *Amen.*

[*The Lord's Prayer, in response.*]



VIII.

FEBRUARY.

THE PSALM.

THE LORD is my Light and my Salvation: whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the Strength of my life: of whom shall I be afraid?

Though a host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear:

Though war should rise against me, yet will I be confident.

One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after : that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in His temple.

In the time of trouble, He shall hide me in his pavilion :

In the secret of His tabernacle shall He hide me :

He shall set me up upon a rock.

Therefore will I offer in His tabernacle sacrifices of joy :

We will sing, yea, we will sing praises unto the Lord.

Hear, O LORD, when I cry with my voice : have mercy also upon me, and answer me.

When my father and my mother forsake me, then the Lord will take me up.

Teach me Thy way, O LORD, and lead me in a plain path.

I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

Wait on the LORD : be of good courage, and He will strengthen thy heart : wait, I say, on the LORD.

We will sing, yea, we will sing praises unto the Lord.

THE GOSPEL.

Works of Healing — The Sabbath.

ON a certain Sabbath-day, JESUS went through the corn-fields ; and his disciples, being hungry, plucked the ears of corn, and did eat, rubbing them in their hands. But when the Pharisees saw it, they said unto him, "Behold, thy disciples do that which it is not lawful to do upon the Sabbath-day." But he said unto them, "Have ye not read what David did, when he was hungry, and they that were with him? — how he went into the house of God, and did take and eat of the shew-bread, and gave also to them that were with him, which it is not lawful to eat, except for the priests alone? But I say unto you, that in this place is one greater than the temple. But if ye had known what this meaneth, 'I will have mercy and not sacrifice,' ye would not have condemned the guiltless. For the Son of man is LORD also of the Sabbath-day."

And in Galilee, he entered again into a synagogue, and taught. And there was a man whose right hand was withered. And they watched JESUS, whether he would heal on the Sabbath-day : that they might accuse him. But he said unto them, "What man is there among you, that shall have one sheep, and, if it

fall into a pit on the Sabbath-day, will not lay hold on it, and lift it out? How much then is a man better than a sheep! Wherefore it is lawful to do well on the Sabbath-day." Then saith he to the man, "Stretch forth thy hand." And he stretched it forth; and it was restored whole as the other.

PRAYER.

OUR FATHER in Heaven, we thank Thee for abundant blessing, and for the hope of more to come. We thank Thee for this day; for its rest and its useful lessons; for its word concerning Thee, and Thy Son, and Heaven, and our duty. We praise Thee | for the good news of the Gospel, and for the hope that Thou wilt finally, through Thy Son, heal all blind, and halt, and maimed, and deaf and helpless souls, and bring us all | to the joy of an eternal Sabbath.

And, O FATHER, now heal our blindness, that we may see the glory of Thy love and truth. Open our ears, that we may hear, with honest hearts, the word of duty. Heal our lameness, that we may walk in the way of righteousness. Remove our weakness, that we may resist all temptation, and be able to bear | whatever burdens fall to us. Make us glad in Thee, and joyful in the faith and love of JESUS CHRIST, and forgive us all our sins. *Amen.*

[*The Lord's Prayer, in response.*]

IX.

FEBRUARY.

THE PSALM.

BLESSED are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the LORD.

Blessed are they that keep His testimonies, and that seek Him with the whole heart.

Thou hast commanded us to keep Thy precepts diligently.

O that my ways were directed | to keep Thy statutes!

Then shall I not be ashamed, when I have respect unto all Thy commandments.

Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way?

By taking heed thereto according to Thy word.

With the whole heart may we seek Thee: O let us not wander from Thy commandments.

Blessed art Thou, O LORD: teach us Thy statutes.

THE GOSPEL.

The Beatitudes.

AND seeing the multitudes, JESUS went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying,

“Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven.

“Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

“Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

“Blessed are the peace-makers: for they shall be called the children of God.

“Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven.

“Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

“Rejoice, and be exceeding glad; for great is your reward in Heaven.”

PRAYER.

HEAVENLY FATHER, we thank Thee for life, and health, and all things: for this day, with its blessed influences; for the souls which Thou hast given us; for the teachings of JESUS; and for the blessings that come to us through Thy truth. We rejoice that we may walk in Thy law, thus cleansing our way before Thee. We praise Thee for the light and the beauty of Thy word, and for the hope of Thy grace and mercy. We confess Thy unchanging goodness and love.

May we love Thee more, and be able, to-day, to live in the kingdom of Heaven. Direct our hearts, so that we may keep Thy

statutes. Make us humble, and meek, and merciful and peaceful. May we keenly hunger and thirst after righteousness. May we take heed to our way, according to Thy word. Forgive us all sin, and purify us from all evil. Make us rejoice in Thy truth, and may the light of Thy holiness | shine in our lives, through JESUS CHRIST our LORD. *Amen.*

[*The Lord's Prayer, in response.*]

X.

M A R C H .

THE PSALM.

I WILL extol Thee, my God, O King :
And we will bless Thy name | for ever and ever.

Every day will I bless Thee :

And we will praise Thy name | for ever and ever.

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised :

And His greatness is unsearchable.

One generation shall praise Thy works to another, and shall declare Thy mighty acts.

We will speak | of the glorious honor of Thy majesty, and of Thy wondrous works.

The LORD is gracious, and full of compassion : slow to anger, and of great mercy.

The Lord is good to all : and His tender mercies are over all His works.

All Thy works shall praise Thee, O LORD, and Thy saints shall bless Thee.

Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and Thy dominion endureth | throughout all generations.

The LORD upholdeth all that fall, and raiseth up all those that be bowed down.

The eyes of all wait upon Thee, and Thou givest them their meat in due season.

Thou openest Thy hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.

The Lord is righteous | in all His ways, and holy | in all His works.

The LORD is nigh unto all them that call upon Him: to all that call upon Him in truth.

My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord: and let all flesh bless His holy name | forever and ever.

THE GOSPEL.

Against Swearing and Retaliation.

JESUS taught his disciples, saying, "Ye have heard that it hath been said by them of old time, 'Thou shalt not forswear thyself, but shalt perform unto the Lord thine oaths.' But I say unto you, Swear not at all: neither by Heaven, for it is GOD'S throne; nor by the earth, for it is His footstool; neither by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. Neither shalt thou swear by thy head, because thou canst not make one hair white or black. But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay; for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil.

"Ye have heard that it hath been said, 'An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth.' But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil; but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also. And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloak also. And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain. Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away.

"Ye have heard that it hath been said, 'Thou shalt love thy neighbor, and hate thine enemy.' But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you and persecute you; that ye may be the children of your FATHER which is in Heaven. For He maketh His sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust. He is kind to the unthankful and the evil. Be ye therefore merciful, as your FATHER also is merciful. Be ye therefore perfect, as your FATHER which is in Heaven is perfect."

PRAYER.

WE thank Thee, our FATHER in Heaven, for thy constant graciousness, and compassion, and goodness. We rejoice | that Thy tender mercies are over all Thy works, even over the forms of life which we cannot see. But especially do we rejoice |

in Thy care for all our race, though so often unthankful and evil. We bless Thee for the sunshine and the rain, sent upon us all, showing that Thou art our steadfast Friend, even when we forget that we are Thy children.

Help us all, our FATHER, to live according to the word of the LORD JESUS CHRIST. May we have his spirit of good-will, and pity and love. May our speech be simple, and reverent and pure. May we become like Thy Son, forgiving and loving each other, and doing good | even to those who wrong us. May we call upon Thee in truth, and feel Thee near. May we bless Thee every day and forever, and dwell continually | in Thy kingdom of blessedness and peace. And Thine be the glory. *Amen.*

[*The Lord's Prayer, in response.*]



XI.

M A R C H .

THE PSALM.

BLESSED is he that considereth the poor :

The Lord will deliver him | in time of trouble.

The LORD will preserve him, and he shall be blessed upon the earth.

The Lord will strengthen him | upon the bed of languishing.

I will lift up mine eyes unto the Hills, from whence cometh my help.

Our help cometh from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved : He that keepeth thee will not slumber.

Behold, He that keepeth us | shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The LORD is thy Keeper : the LORD is thy Shade upon thy right hand : the LORD shall preserve thee from all evil. He shall preserve thy soul.

The Lord shall preserve our going out, and our coming in, from this time forth, and even for evermore.

THE GOSPEL.

Alms and Prayer.

JESUS taught his disciples, saying, "Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them; otherwise ye have no reward of your FATHER who is in Heaven. Therefore, when thou doest alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do, in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily, I say unto you, They have their reward. But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth: that thine alms may be in secret; and thy FATHER who seeth in secret, Himself shall reward thee openly.

"And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and at the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily, I say unto you, They have their reward. But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy FATHER who is in secret; and thy FATHER, who seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly. But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your FATHER knoweth what things ye have need of before ye ask him. After this manner, therefore, pray ye: Our FATHER who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen. For, if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly FATHER will also forgive you; but if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your FATHER forgive your trespasses."

PRAYER.

OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, we hallow thy name | as that of our unchanging Friend. We rejoice | that Thou never slumberest or sleepest, but ever watchest over us. We bless Thee for Thy protecting care, and for the abundance | with which Thou suppliest all our wants. We trust in Thy forgiving love, in that Divine knowledge | which sees in secret, and in that wisdom | by which our lives are made glad. We thank Thee for the word of truth | spoken by JESUS to his disciples, and thus to us, and for the assurance that Thou wilt answer our humble prayer.

Teach us by Thy Spirit, we pray Thee, to ask aright. May the words of prayer set forth by Thy Son | become the spirit of prayer

in our hearts. If any have done us wrong, may we now forgive them; and O FATHER! forgive us. May we abhor all sin, and seek to love Thee, and all of our fellows. Make us charitable, and kind, and tender-hearted and loving, that we may prove ourselves | Thy children indeed. And Thine be the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. *Amen.*

[*The Lord's Prayer, in response.*]

XII.

MARCH.

THE PSALM.

THY mercy, O LORD, is in the heavens: Thy faithfulness reaches unto the clouds.

Thy righteousness is like the great mountains: Thy judgments are a great deep.

O LORD, Thou preservest man and beast.

How excellent is Thy loving-kindness, O God! Therefore the children of men put their trust | under the shadow of Thy wings.

They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of Thy house; and Thou shalt make them drink of the river of Thy pleasures.

For with Thee is the fountain of life: in Thy light shall we see light.

THE GOSPEL.

Anxious Care.

JESUS taught his disciples, saying, "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in Heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through and steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!"

“No man can serve two masters : for either he will hate the one, and love the other ; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve GOD and Mammon. Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink : nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? Behold the fowls of the air : for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns ; yet your heavenly FATHER feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they? And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field how they grow : they toil not, neither do they spin ; and yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Wherefore, if GOD so clothe the grass of the field, which to-day is, and to-morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? for your heavenly FATHER knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of GOD, and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Take, therefore, no thought for the morrow : for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.”

PRAYER.

O LORD, our heavenly FATHER, whose mercy is high as Heaven, and whose loving-kindness is excellent, we rejoice in the light | which beams upon our eyes, and more especially in that which shines into our souls. We thank Thee for the loving care | which surrounds us, and provides for all our wants ; which feeds and clothes us, and enables us continually to trust in Thee. We praise Thee for this day, with its glorious privileges, and for the river of heavenly joys from which we are permitted to drink.

Give us Thy Holy Spirit, we pray Thee, that we may seek heavenly treasures ; that we may obtain the riches | which cannot be lost. Help us, when we have done what we ought, to be content with such things as we have. May we never know trouble, nor be anxious for the future. May we trust in Thy fatherly care, and see the light of heaven, through love of Thee. May the word of JESUS be in our hearts and minds ; and may we seek Thy kingdom and its righteousness, and evermore enjoy Thy peace. *Amen.*

[*The Lord's Prayer, in response.*]

XIII.

MARCH, OR APRIL.

FOR THE PSALM.

COME, ye children, hearken unto me : I will teach you the fear of the LORD. What man is he that desireth life, and loveth many days, that he may see good? Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile. Depart from evil, and do good ; seek peace, and pursue it.

Even unto this were we called : because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that we should follow his steps.

He did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth.

When he was reviled, he reviled not again.

When he suffered, he threatened not ;

But he committed himself | to Him that judgeth righteously.

The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, and His ears are open unto their cry.

The face of the Lord | is against them that do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them | from the earth.

The righteous cry, and the LORD heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles.

The Lord is nigh | unto them that are of a broken heart, and saveth | such as be of a contrite spirit.

Many are the afflictions of the righteous :

The Lord delivereth him | out of them all.

The LORD redeemeth the soul of His servants :

None of them that trust in Him | shall be desolate.

FOR THE GOSPEL.

Self-Examination.

JESUS taught his disciples, saying, " Judge not, and ye shall not be judged : condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned : forgive, and ye shall be forgiven : give, and it shall be given unto you ; good measure, pressed down,

and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again. And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye, and behold, a beam is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite! first cast out the beam out of thine own eye, and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy-brother's eye."

The LORD sent Nathan the prophet, in the olden time, unto David the King. And he came unto him, and said unto him, "There were two men in one city; the one rich, the other poor. The rich man had exceeding many flocks and herds: but the poor man had nothing, save one little ewe lamb, which he had bought and nourished up: and it grew up together with him, and with his children; it did eat of his own meat, and drank of his own cup, and lay in his bosom, and was unto him as a daughter.

"And there came a traveller unto the rich man, and he spared to take of his own flock and of his own herd, to dress for the wayfaring man that was come unto him; but took the poor man's lamb, and dressed it for the man that was come to him."

And David's anger was greatly kindled against the man; and he said to Nathan, "As the LORD liveth, the man that hath done this thing shall surely die: and he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity."

And Nathan said to David, "Thou art the man. Thus saith the LORD GOD, 'I anointed thee king over Israel, and I delivered thee out of the hand of Saul, and gave thee the house of Israel and Judah, and if that had been too little, I would, moreover, have given unto thee such and such things. Wherefore hast thou despised the commandment of the LORD, to do evil in his sight? Behold, I will raise up evil against thee out of thine own house.'"

And David said unto Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD."

PRAYER.

A GAIN we thank Thee, our FATHER in Heaven, for a multitude of mercies: for pleasures, and hopes, and pure affections; especially for a Saviour and a Heaven. We bless Thee for the word of JESUS, and the example he set for us. We rejoice in the truth he taught, and the life he brought to light. We thank Thee | for the good tidings of good he made known: for the news of Thy grace and almighty love: for his guidance into the way of peace.

And, as we remember that Thine ear is open | to the prayer of the righteous, while Thy face is against all evil, we pray for Thy mighty

help, that we may avoid all sin, and do only what is good in Thy sight. May we think and speak kindly | concerning our fellows; and seek to put away our own faults. O aid us to be just, and true, and loving; to remember Thy fatherly affection; and to live in the grace of the LORD JESUS CHRIST. May we have his spirit of truth and righteousness, and prove ourselves Thy children. Forgive our sin, and deliver us into the joy of Thy Kingdom. *Amen.*

[*The Lord's Prayer, in response.*]

XIV.

PALM-SUNDAY.*

THE PSALM.

O GIVE thanks unto the LORD; for He is good: because His mercy endureth forever.

Let them now that fear the Lord say, that His mercy endureth forever.

The LORD is on our side; we will not fear: what can man do unto us?

It is better to trust in the Lord, than to put confidence in man.

It is better to trust in the LORD, than to put confidence in princes.

The Lord is our Strength and Song, and is become our Salvation.

*PALM-SUNDAY is the Sunday next before Easter. The time is noted for a few years:—

1873, April 6.	1882, April 2.	1891, March 22.
1874, March 29.	1883, March 18.	1892, April 10.
1875, March 21.	1884, April 6.	1893, March 26.
1876, April 9.	1885, March 29.	1894, March 18.
1877, March 25.	1886, April 18.	1895, April 7.
1878, April 14.	1887, April 3.	1896, March 29.
1879, April 6.	1888, March 25.	1897, April 11.
1880, March 21.	1889, April 14.	1898, April 3.
1881, April 10.	1890, March 30.	1899, March 26.

We shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.

- *Open to us the gates of righteousness: we will go into them, and we will praise the Lord.*

I will praise Thee: for Thou hast heard me, and art become my Salvation.

This is the day which the Lord hath made: we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Blessed be he that cometh in the name of the LORD: GOD is the LORD, who hath showed us light.

O give thanks unto the Lord; for He is good: for His mercy endureth forever.

THE GOSPEL.

The Entry into Jerusalem.

AND when JESUS, travelling with his disciples to Jerusalem, came unto Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, he sent two disciples, saying unto them, "Go into the village over against you; and straightway ye shall find a colt tied, whereon never man sat: loose him and bring him hither. And if any man ask you, 'Why do ye loose him?' ye shall say, 'The LORD hath need of him, and straightway he will send him.'"

And they went their way, and found the colt tied by the door without, in a place where two ways meet; and they loose him. And as they were loosing the colt, the owners thereof said unto them, "Why loose ye the colt?" And they said, even as JESUS had commanded. And the owners let them go. And they brought the colt to JESUS, and cast their garments on him; and JESUS sat upon him. And as he went, a very great multitude spread their clothes in the way; others cut down branches from the trees, and strewed them in the way. And they that went before, and they that followed, cried, saying, "Hosanna; Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the LORD: Hosanna in the highest."

And when JESUS was come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, "Who is this?" And the multitude said, "This is JESUS, the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee." And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple; and he healed them. And when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying in the temple, and saying, "Hosanna to the Son of David;" they were sore displeased, and said unto him, "Hearst thou what these say?" And JESUS saith unto them, "Yea: have ye never read, 'Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise?'"

And he left them, and went out of the city into Bethany, and he lodged there.

PRAYER.

OUR heavenly FATHER, we praise Thee for this day, which Thou madest, that we may rejoice and be glad in it. We thank Thee for the word of life, by which we are helped to trust in Thee. We give thanks to Thee | for the mercy that endures forever. We rejoice | that Thou art always by our side: not to uphold us | in folly or in sin, but to bless us; and that Thou dost bless us, in pain and in pleasure. We praise Thee that through Thy grace, we shall not die, but live evermore, to declare Thy works. We thank Thee | for the excellences of JESUS CHRIST, which drew from the children of old | their songs of joy.

May we love our Saviour more truly, so that we also may sing songs of blessing. Help us to rejoice in his truth, and obey his word. May we make this day | the best of all days. Be our Strength, that we may resist all evil, and bear up under trial. Be our Song, that our souls may be filled with joy. Be our Salvation, that we may be lifted out of sin, and darkness, and fear, into goodness, and light, and immortal peace. And may we enter | the gates of righteousness, there to abide forever. *Amen.*

[*The Lord's Prayer, in response.*]

XV.

EASTER.*

I. AN EASTER CAROL, OR SONG OF JOY.

II. FOR THE PSALM.

HOW beautiful are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings,
that publisheth peace!

*Easter Sunday is a "Movable Feast" of the church. It occurs on "the first Sunday after the Full Moon, which happens upon or next after the twenty-first day of March." The time of Easter is noted for a few years:—

1873, April 13.

1875, March 28.

1877, April 1.

1874, April 5.

1876, April 16.

1878, April 21.

That bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation! that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!

Break forth into joy! sing together, ye waste places!

For the Lord hath comforted His people: He hath redeemed Jerusalem.

The LORD hath made bare His holy arm in the eyes of all the nations;

And all the ends of the earth | shall see the salvation of our God.

The Messiah was despised and rejected of men, a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief.

Surely he bore our griefs, and carried our sorrows.

He was wounded for our transgressions; he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him, and with his stripes we are healed.

All we like sheep have gone astray: we have turned | every one | to his own way, and the Lord hath laid on him | the iniquity of us all.

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he was brought as a lamb to the slaughter.

He was cut off | out of the land of the living: for the transgressions of God's people | was he stricken.

Yet the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand:

He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied.

III. A HYMN.

IV. FOR A PSALM.

BLESSED be the GOD and Father of our LORD JESUS CHRIST, who, according to His abundant mercy, hath begotten us again to a living hope,—

1879, April 13.

1880, March 28.

1881, April 17.

1882, April 9.

1883, March 25.

1884, April 13.

1885, April 5.

1886, April 25.

1887, April 10.

1888, April 1.

1889, April 21.

1890, April 6.

1891, March 29.

1892, April 17.

1893, April 2.

1894, March 25.

1895, April 14.

1896, April 5.

1897, April 18.

1898, April 10.

1899, April 2.

By the resurrection of Jesus Christ | from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away.

Why seek we the living among the dead?

Christ is risen from the dead, and become the first-fruits of them that sleep.

For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

As in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

He must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet.

And when all things shall have been subdued to him, God shall be All in all.

As we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

O Death! where is thy sting? O Grave! where is thy victory?

V. FOR THE GOSPEL.

The Resurrection of Christ.

WHEN the even of the day on which JESUS had been put to death was come, Joseph of Arimathea, a rich man, an honorable counsellor, a good and just man, a disciple of JESUS, but secretly, for fear of the Jews, went to Pilate, the Roman governor, and begged the body of JESUS. Then Pilate commanded the body to be delivered. And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock; and he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed. And the enemies of JESUS went and made the sepulchre sure, sealing the stone, and setting a watch.

And very early in the morning of the first day of the week came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary unto the sepulchre, bringing the spices they had prepared, and certain others with them. And they found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre. And they entered in, and found not the body of the LORD JESUS. And as they were much perplexed thereabout, behold, two men stood by them in shining garments. And as they were afraid, and bowed down their faces to the earth, they said unto them, "Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen."

And they departed quickly from the sepulchre, with fear and great joy; and did run to bring his disciples word. And as they went, behold, Jesus met them, saying, "All hail!" And they came, and held him by the feet, and worshipped him. Then said Jesus unto them, "Be not afraid: go tell my brethren, that they go into Galilee, and there shall they see me."

St. Paul said, "To this end CHRIST both died, and rose and revived, that he might be LORD both of the dead and of the living. Though he was crucified through weakness, he liveth by the power of GOD. The love of CHRIST constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: and that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him who died for them, and rose again. And all things are of GOD, who was in CHRIST, reconciling the world unto Himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them."

VI. PRAYER.

ALMIGHTY FATHER, we thank Thee | that Thou madest us living souls, and not merely dying bodies; that Thou hast filled our earthly lives | with good, and hast also given us | the hope of immortal glory, through the resurrection of JESUS CHRIST | from the dead; that Thou hast made him LORD of the dead and of the living. We rejoice in the good tidings of good, in the comfort of Thy word, in the assurance that as we have borne | the image of the earthy, we shall also bear | the image of the heavenly. We praise Thee for the abiding faith | that JESUS shall conquer all souls, and that all shall be made alive in him.

And while we sing songs of joy in honor of Thy Son, may we be the better for his life. As he rose from the dead | to the glory of Heaven, may we seek that glory, and make it ours. May we bow our souls before him, and acknowledge him as LORD, by showing in our lives | his loving spirit. May we be meek, and patient, and kind, and holy. May we love duty, rather than pleasure. May we rejoice in every one's joy, and pity every one's sorrow. May we turn from the sin which besets us, to that holiness | which has given our Saviour the name above all others. And, O our FATHER, deliver us from all evil, through CHRIST Thy Son. *Amen.*

[*The Lord's Prayer, in response.*]

VII. A HYMN.

ETC.

XVI.

SPRING.

FOR THE PSALM.

LO, the winter is past ; the storms are over and gone ; the flowers appear on the earth ; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the dove is heard in our land.

Lord, Thou hast been favorable unto our land.

Thou forgivest the iniquity of Thy people : Thou coverest all their sin.

Thou revivest us again ; and Thy people rejoice in Thee.

Show us Thy mercy, O LORD ; and grant us Thy salvation.

We will hear | what God the Lord will speak :

He will speak peace unto His people ; but let them not turn again to folly.

Mercy and truth are met together ; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

Truth shall spring out of the earth ; and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

Yea, the Lord shall give that which is good ; and our land shall yield her increase.

THE GOSPEL.

The Parable of the Sower.

ONCE, when Jesus was on the shore of the Sea of Tiberias, there was gathered unto him a great multitude. And he went into a ship and sat, and the whole multitude was by the sea, on the land. And he spake a parable unto them :

“Behold, a sower went forth to sow ; and as he sowed, some seeds fell by the wayside, and the fowls came and devoured them up. Some fell upon stony places, where they had not much earth ; and forthwith they sprang up, because they had no depth of earth. And when the sun was up, they were scorched ; and because they had no root, they withered away. And some fell among thorns ; and the thorns sprang up, and choked them, and they yielded

no fruit. But other seeds fell on good ground, and yielded fruit that sprang up, and increased, and brought forth, some thirty-fold, some sixty-fold, and some a hundred-fold."

And his disciples asked JESUS, "What might this parable be?"

And he said, "The seed is the word of God. Those by the wayside hear it, and understand it not, and the enemy cometh, and taketh away the word that was sown in their hearts. And they that receive the seed into stony places, when they have heard the word, immediately receive it with gladness; yet they have no root in themselves, and so endure but for a time. Afterward, when affliction or persecution ariseth because of the word, immediately they are offended. They also that receive seed among the thorns hear the word; but the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the pleasures of this life choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful. But they that receive seed into good ground, hear the word, and receive it into an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience, some thirty-fold, some sixty-fold, some a hundred-fold."

PRAYER.

HEAVENLY FATHER, Creator of all things, and Giver of all good, we thank Thee for Spring, with its promise, and its opening beauty. We praise Thee for the wonderful force | by which the earth renews its life, after the rest of winter. We rejoice as the buds swell, the blossoms appear, the trees put out their leaves, the grass grows greener, the sun warms the air, and the plants shoot forth from the earth. And we bless Thee for the hope | that every winter, whether of Nature or of our souls, shall change to spring.

Help us to receive Thy word | into good and honest hearts, that it may bring forth fruit | in our lives. Give us Thy Holy Spirit, that we may be upright, and innocent, and loving. Bless those | who go forth to preach Thy truth. May they speak the word of CHRIST faithfully, and may the world learn the good news | of Thy unfeeling and impartial love. Forgive us our sins; deliver us from all evil; speak peace to our souls; give us what is good, and may our land ever yield her increase. *Amen.*

[*The Lord's Prayer, in response.*]

XVII.

APRIL.

THE PSALM.

I WAITED patiently for the LORD; and He inclined unto me, and heard my calling.

And He hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God.

Blessed is that man that maketh the LORD his trust, and respecteth not the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies.

Many, O Lord, are Thy wonderful works | and Thy thoughts toward us.

If I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered.

Withhold not Thou Thy tender mercies from us, O Lord: let Thy loving-kindness, and Thy truth, continually preserve us.

Let all those that seek Thee rejoice and be glad in Thee:

Let such as love Thy salvation, say continually, The Lord be magnified.

THE GOSPEL.

Faith and Goodness.

JESUS taught his disciples, saying, "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For every one that asketh, receiveth; and he that seeketh, findeth; and to him that knocketh, it shall be opened. Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone? Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent? If ye, then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your FATHER which is in Heaven give good things to them that ask him? Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them.

"A good tree bringeth not forth evil fruit, neither doth a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? A good man, out of the good treasure of his heart, bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man, out of the evil

treasure of his heart, bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh. Wherefore, by their fruits ye shall know them.

“Not every one that saith unto me, ‘**LORD, LORD,**’ shall enter into the kingdom of Heaven; but he that doeth the will of my **FATHER** which is in Heaven.”

When **JESUS** had ended his sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine. For he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.

PRAYER.

OUR **FATHER** who art in Heaven, and dwellest | with those of humble mind, we thank Thee | for the love of father and mother, so ready to give good gifts to their children. We especially thank Thee for that love which gives the Holy Spirit of truth and righteousness, and everlasting joy and peace, to all who ask Thee. We rejoice | in the mercy which inclines to us, and hears our calling, and which puts into our hearts | new songs of gladness and praise. We bless Thee | for Thy many wonderful works, and for Thy thoughts of goodness toward us.

Give us Thy grace, O **FATHER**, that we may ask aright, and receive and enjoy heavenly blessing. May our lives bear good fruit. May we do Thy will, and continually live | in the kingdom of Heaven. May we do to others | as we would have them do to us, and fulfil all the law of **CHRIST**. Cleanse our souls from all evil, and fill them with good treasure. And may the words of our mouths, and the thoughts of our hearts, be always acceptable to Thee. *Amen.*

[*The Lord's Prayer, in response.*]



XVIII.

APRIL.

THE PSALM.

HAVE mercy upon us, O God, according to Thy loving-kindness:

According unto the multitude of Thy tender mercies, blot out our transgressions.

Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity :

And cleanse us from our sins.

Against Thee, Thee only, do we sin : we do evil in Thy sight.

Thou art justified | when Thou speakest : Thou art clear | when Thou judgest.

Behold, Thou desirest truth in the inward parts : and in the hidden part Thou shalt make us to know wisdom.

Do Thou purge us, and we shall be clean : do Thou wash us, and we shall be whiter than snow.

Create in us clean hearts, O GOD :

Renew a right spirit within us.

Cast us not away from Thy presence :

And take not Thy Holy Spirit from us.

Deliver us from guiltiness, O GOD, Thou GOD of our salvation :

And our tongues shall sing aloud | of Thy righteousness.

The sacrifices of GOD are a broken spirit :

A broken and a contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise.

O LORD, open Thou our lips :

And our mouths shall show forth Thy praise.

THE GOSPEL.

The Centurion's Servant.

WHEN JESUS had ended all his sayings in the audience of the people at the mount, he entered into Capernaum. And a certain centurion's servant, who was dear unto him, was sick of the palsy, and ready to die. And when he heard of JESUS, he sent unto him the elders of the Jews, beseeching him that he would come and heal his servant. And when they came to JESUS, they besought him instantly, saying, "That he was worthy for whom he should do this : for he loveth our nation, and he hath built us a synagogue." Then JESUS went with them. And when he was now not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to him, saying unto him, "Lord, trouble not thyself, for I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof. Wherefore neither thought I myself worthy to come unto thee ; but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed. For I am a man set under authority, having soldiers under me : and I say unto one, 'Go,' and he goeth ; and to another, 'Come,' and he cometh ; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he doeth it." When JESUS heard

these things, he marvelled, and turned and said unto the people that followed him, "I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel." And **JESUS** said unto the centurion, "Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee." And they that were sent, returning to the house, found the servant whole that had been sick.

PRAYER.

OUR FATHER in Heaven, we bless Thee for Thy tender mercies and Thy loving-kindness, and confidently trust in Thee. And while we confess our weakness and sin, we praise the Love | which is ever warm and forgiving. We rejoice that Thou art ready to wash us from our sin, and to blot out our transgressions, at our weakest desire: that as **JESUS** healed infirm bodies, Thou wilt, through Thy truth, save trembling, fearful, sin-sick souls: that Thy word has power | to bring to life spirits before lost in sin.

Bless us to-day, O FATHER, with the conviction how far we come short | of Thy righteousness. Help us to seek the healing of our souls. May we be ready to go, and to come, and to do, as Thou biddest us. May our sins be removed far from us. May we regret | the wrong we have done, and may Thy peace fill our hearts, as we resolve to obey and love Thee better. Give us clean hearts, and fill us with hope and joy. May our lips be opened by Thee, that they may speak Thy praise forever. *Amen.*

[*The Lord's Prayer, in response.*]

XIX.

MAY.

THE PSALM.

I WILL bless the **LORD** at all times: His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

Our souls shall make their boast | in the Lord: the humble shall hear, and be glad.

O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His name together.

We seek the Lord, and He hears us, and delivers us | from all our fears.

We look unto Him, and are enlightened; and our faces are not ashamed.

The poor man cries, and the Lord hears him, and saves him | out of all his troubles.

The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear GOD, and delivereth them.

The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the Lord | shall not want any good thing.

O taste and see that the LORD is good.

Blessed is the man | that trusteth in Him.

THE GOSPEL.

The Rest of the Soul.

NOW when John the Baptist had heard, in the prison into which he had been put by the king, of the works of CHRIST, he sent two of his disciples to JESUS, who said unto him, "Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another?" And in that same hour JESUS cured many of infirmities, and plagues, and of evil spirits; and unto many blind he gave sight. Then JESUS answering, said unto them, "Go your way, and tell John what things ye have seen and heard: how that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, to the poor the gospel is preached. And blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in me."

At that time JESUS said, "I thank Thee, O FATHER, LORD of Heaven and earth, because Thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes. Even so, FATHER, for so it seemeth good in Thy sight.

"Come unto me, all ye that labor, and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me,—for I am meek and lowly in heart,—and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

PRAYER.

OUR heavenly FATHER, we would continually thank Thee | for the goodness of the Saviour; for his patient kindness; for his readiness to help the afflicted; for the rest he gives to all those

who go to him. We rejoice that Thou hearest, and pitiest, and savest all who, with sincere and faithful hearts, call upon Thee. We bless Thee | for the truth Thou hast made known to us, and the Holy Spirit which Thou givest | to all who desire it.

And we pray that Thou wouldst bless us always. Help us to go to the Saviour | for the word he speaks, and the example he has set. Make us like him, that we may have his strength, and his spirit. May we do good, according to our power, helping all who need help, as we are able. May we be meek and lowly of heart, patient, and kind, and humble. Bless our worship; help us to love it; and may we be the better for it | all our lives. And may our hearts indeed taste and see that Thou art good, and trust in Thee. Bless all Thy children, through CHRIST our LORD. *Amen.*

[*The Lord's Prayer, in response.*]

XX.

MAY.

THE PSALM.

BLESSED is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

Blessed is the man | unto whom the Lord imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile.

Thou, O LORD, art our Hiding-place:

Thou wilt preserve us from trouble:

Thou wilt compass us about with songs of deliverance.

Thou wilt instruct us, and teach us in the way in which we shall go.

Many sorrows shall be to the wicked:

But he that trusteth in the Lord, mercy shall compass him about.

Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, ye righteous;

And shout for joy, all the upright in heart.

THE GOSPEL.

Forgiveness.

AT a certain time, when JESUS was at dinner in the house of a Pharisee, behold, a woman in the city, which was a sinner, when she knew that JESUS reclined at meat in the house, brought an alabaster box of ointment, and stood at his feet behind him weeping, and began to wash his feet with tears, and did wipe them with the hairs of her head, and kissed his feet, and anointed them with the ointment.

Now when the Pharisee which had invited him to his house saw it, he spake within himself, saying, "This man, if he were a prophet, would have known who and what manner of woman this is that toucheth him: for she is a sinner." And JESUS, answering, said unto him, "Simon, I have somewhat to say unto thee." And he saith, "Master, say on."—"There was a certain creditor, who had two debtors: the one owed five hundred pence, and the other fifty. And when they had nothing to pay, he frankly forgave them both. Tell me, therefore, which of them will love him most?" Simon answered and said, "I suppose that he to whom he forgave most." And he said, "Thou hast rightly judged." And he turned to the woman, and said unto Simon, "Seest thou this woman? I entered into thy house; thou gavest me no water for my feet: but she hath washed my feet with tears, and wiped them with the hairs of her head. Thou gavest me no kiss: but this woman, since the time I came in, hath not ceased to kiss my feet. My head with oil thou didst not anoint: but this woman hath anointed my feet with ointment. Wherefore, I say unto thee, Her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much: but to whom little is forgiven, the same loveth little." And he said unto her, "Thy sins are forgiven."

And they that were at meat with him, began to say within themselves, "Who is this that forgiveth sins also?" And he said to the woman, "Thy faith hath saved thee: go in peace."

PRAYER.

OUR FATHER in Heaven, we thank Thee | for the privilege of lifting up our hearts and our voices to Thee, in praise and prayer. We praise Thee for the power of thought; for holy affections; for hopes which rest our souls. We bless Thee for the mercy | which forgives the sins of the penitent, and helps him to forsake evil ways, and to walk in the way of goodness and peace. We rejoice in the love | which fills our lives with blessing, although we too often forget Thee, and do what we ought not to do.

And we pray for grace, that we may always rejoice and be glad

in Thee. Help us to remember our weakness, and, loving Thee with all our hearts, to strive to do what right and duty require. May we earnestly aim | to avoid doing what they forbid. May we repent of all sin, and turn to all holiness. May we have the tenderness of the Saviour, and not the pride | which so often hardens the heart. May we have the faith in Thee, in JESUS, in truth, in love, in Heaven, which saves the soul. And may all our kind be finally blest forever. *Amen.*

[*The Lord's Prayer, in response.*]

XXI.

MAY.

THE PSALM.

THE heavens declare the glory of God ;
And the firmament showeth His handywork.

Day unto day uttereth speech ;

And night unto night showeth knowledge.

There is no speech nor language : their voice is not heard.

Their line is gone out | through all the earth, and their words | to the end of the world.

In them hath He set a tabernacle for the sun, which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race.

His going forth | is from the end of the heaven, and his circuit | unto the ends of it : and there is nothing hid | from the heat thereof.

The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul.

The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.

The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart.

The commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes.

The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever.

The judgments of the Lord | are true and righteous | altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold : sweeter also than honey, or the honey-comb.

Moreover, by them is Thy servant warned; and in keeping of them there is great reward.

Who can understand his errors?

Cleanse Thou me from secret faults.

Keep back Thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression.

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditations of my heart, be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my Strength, and my Redeemer.

THE GOSPEL.

The Brethren of Christ.

AT a certain time, JESUS said to the people who listened to him, "No man, when he hath lighted a candle, covereth it with a vessel, or putteth it under a bed; but setteth it on a candlestick, that they which enter in may see the light. For nothing is secret, that shall not be made manifest: neither anything hid, that shall not be known, and come abroad. Take heed, therefore, how ye hear: for whosoever hath, to him shall be given; and whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he seemeth to have."

While he yet talked to the people, behold, his mother and his brethren, who could not come near him for the press, stood without, desiring to speak with him. Then one said to him, "Behold, thy mother and thy brethren stand without, desiring to speak with thee." But he answered and said unto him that told him, "Who is my mother, and who are my brethren?" And he stretched forth his hand toward his disciples, and said, "Behold my mother and my brethren! For whosoever shall do the will of my FATHER which is in Heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother."

PRAYER.

WE thank Thee, our FATHER in Heaven, for the blessings that come to us hour by hour: for the light and joy of day, and the rest of night. But especially we would thank Thee | for Thy perfect law, Thy sure word, Thy righteous statutes, Thy pure commandments, Thy holy truth, Thy loving mercy. We bless Thee for the heavenly grace which makes us, through obedience, the kindred of the LORD JESUS CHRIST.

Evermore guide and guard us, O heavenly FRIEND. Cleanse us from our faults. Help us to understand our errors. May we remem-

ber | that the secrets of our hearts are all open to Thee. Make our thoughts acceptable to Thee. May we willingly hear Thy word, and do it. May we love Thy Son our Saviour. Bless our country, and the world of mankind, through the Redeemer's name. *Amen.*

[*The Lord's Prayer, in response.*]

XXII.

MAY.

THE PSALM.

FRET not yourselves because of evil-doers, neither be ye envious against the workers of iniquity.

Trust in the Lord, and do good: so shall we dwell in the land, and verily we shall be fed.

Delight yourselves also in the LORD: and He shall give you the desires of your hearts.

Commit thy way unto the Lord: trust also in Him; and He shall bring it to pass.

Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for Him:

Fret not | because of him who prospereth in his way, — because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass.

Cease from anger, and forsake wrath: fret not in any wise to do evil.

For evil-doers shall be cut off; but those that wait upon the Lord, they shall inherit the earth.

A little that a righteous man hath is better than the riches of many wicked.

The steps of a good man | are ordered by the Lord: and He delighteth in his way.

Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down:

The Lord upholdeth him.

I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.

He is ever merciful, and His children are blessed.

I have seen the wicked in great power, and spreading himself like a green bay-tree. Yet he passed away, and, lo, he was not: yea, I sought him, but he could not be found.

Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright: for the end of that man is peace.

THE GOSPEL.

Covetousness — Pleasure.

ONCE, when there were gathered together an innumerable multitude of people, one of the company said unto JESUS, "Master, speak to my brother, that he divide the inheritance with me." And he said unto him, "Man, who made me a judge, or a divider over you?" And he said unto them, "Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth." And he spake a parable unto them, saying, "The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully: and he thought within himself, saying, 'What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits?' And he said, 'This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods. And I will say to my soul, "Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years: take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry."' But GOD said unto him, 'Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be which thou hast provided?' So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward GOD."

And he said unto his disciples, "Fear not, little flock; for it is your FATHER'S good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell that ye have, and give alms: provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens which faileth not, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

PRAYER.

OUR FATHER in Heaven, we praise the Hand that gave us life, and crowns us with daily joy and blessing. We bless the Love | which takes note of all our wants, and which sent JESUS to the world, with messages of grace, and precepts of wisdom. We rejoice in the Mercy | which looks kindly upon us, though we are unthankful and evil; which gives the rain, and the sunshine, and the dew, that the earth may bring forth its treasures; and which shines into our hearts, with blessed influences.

And we pray for Thy blessing | to-day and every day. Deliver us from all envy and malice. May we have that abiding trust in Thee, which will give rest to our souls. Order our steps by Thy law, and make us prize righteousness | more than riches, — wisdom | more than pleasure. May we be content with little, rightly obtained, rather than strive after much, by wicked means. May we remember the Heaven | whose gates are open to us all, and dwell there continually. May we be rich in heavenly treasure, and our hearts be filled with peace. Bless us all through JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. *Amen.*

[*The Lord's Prayer, in response.*]



XXIII.

MAY, OR JUNE.

THE PSALM.

GOD is our Refuge and Strength, — a very present Help in trouble.

Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried | into the midst of the sea; though the waters thereof roar | and be troubled; though the mountains shake | with the swelling thereof.

¹ There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of GOD, the holy place of the tabernacle of the Most High.

God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved: God shall help her, and that right early.

Come, behold the works of the LORD, what desolations He hath made in the earth: He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth; He breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder; He burneth the chariot in the fire.

Be still, and know that the Lord is God: He shall be exalted | among the nations, — He shall be exalted | in the earth.

The LORD of hosts is with us:

The God of Jacob is our Refuge.

O clap your hands, all ye people ;

Shout unto God with the voice of triumph.

Sing praises to GOD, sing praises ;

Sing praises unto our King, sing praises.

For GOD is the King of all the earth :

Sing praises with understanding.

GOD reigneth over the nations :

God sitteth upon the throne of His holiness.

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised.

This God is our God, forever and ever : He will be our Guide, even unto death.

THE GOSPEL.

Parables.

JESUS spake the word unto the multitude in parables. These he put forth unto them, saying :

“The kingdom of Heaven is likened unto a man who sowed good seed in his field : but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way. But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also. So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, ‘Sir, didst thou not sow good seed in thy field? Whence then hath it tares?’ He said unto them, ‘An enemy hath done this.’ The servants said unto him, ‘Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up?’ But he said, ‘Nay : lest, while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest : and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, “Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them : but gather the wheat into my barn.”’”

Again : “The kingdom of Heaven is like a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field : which indeed is the least of all seeds ; but when it is grown, it is the greatest among herbs, and becometh a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof.”

Again : “The kingdom of Heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened.”

Again : “The kingdom of Heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field ; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field.”

Again : “The kingdom of Heaven is like unto a merchantman seeking goodly pearls : who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it.”

PRAYER.

WE rejoice, heavenly FATHER, in the thought of Thee | that casts out all fear.

We bless Thee | for the strength and the help | Thou dost afford Thy children, in every time of trouble. We thank Thee for the spirit of praise, and adore Thee | as the King of all the earth. We trust in Thee, that Thy desolations shall bless the world ; and that Thou wilt have all men know, and confess, the greatness of Thy wisdom and love. We thank Thee | that Thou hast opened the kingdom of Heaven to us, and that all who are prepared for its joys | may at once enter.

May we every day approach Thee more nearly. May the word of Thy kingdom | be precious to us, as a pearl of great price. May we find Thy truth rich treasure. May it leaven our hearts, until they shall be thoroughly filled | with Thy Spirit. May it grow within us, until it shall make our souls pure, and true, and glad. May no weeds of evil be brought forth, but may we bear only the fruit of righteousness. Teach us the worth of truth and goodness, that we may abhor all evil. Bless the world, and help us all, through CHRIST the LORD. *Amen.*

[*The Lord's Prayer, in response.*]

XXIV.

JUNE.

FOR THE PSALM.

THE LORD reigneth : He is clothed with majesty.
The Lord is clothed with strength, wherewith He hath girded himself.

The world also is established, that it cannot be moved.

Thy throne is established of old : Thou art from everlasting.

The floods have lifted up, O LORD, the floods have lifted up their voice : the floods lift up their waves.

*The Lord on high | is mightier than the noise of many waters,
yea, than the mighty waves of the sea.*

Thy testimonies, O LORD, are very sure :
Holiness becometh Thy house forever.

THE GOSPEL.

The Storm and the Calm.

ON a certain day, when JESUS was near the Lake of Galilee, he saw great multitudes; and he said unto his disciples, "Let us go over unto the other side of the lake." And a certain scribe came, and said unto him, "Master, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest." And JESUS said unto him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head."

And when he had entered into a ship, his disciples followed him; and they launched forth. But as they sailed, he fell asleep. And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full. And his disciples came to him, as he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow, and awoke him; saying, "LORD, save us: we perish." And he saith unto them, "Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith?" Then he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, "Peace, be still." And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. And the men marvelled, saying, "What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him?"

PRAYER.

WE thank Thee, our FATHER in Heaven, for mercies multiplied each day: for life and health; for the joys of home and of friendship; for precious thoughts of Thee; for a Saviour; and for the hope of glory. We rejoice that Thou reignest over all things; that Thy wisdom is greater | than all the wisdom of men; and that Thy love regards us all | with equal compassion. We bless Thee | for the lessons of faith which JESUS taught us, — a faith of more value than riches, — a faith which is serene | in the most stormy trouble.

O may we heed those lessons! Help us to hear, with believing hearts, the word of JESUS concerning Thee. May we follow him, though it be in poverty and trouble. May our souls be calm, even in sorrow and pain. May the peace of GOD rule in our hearts. May we earnestly desire holiness, and grow into Thy likeness.

May we be truly thankful | for all Thy favors. Bless our friends ; our enemies, if we have any ; all the children of men. Bless those who are degraded and criminal, and turn their hearts to duty and to Thee. Bless our country, and all the lands of the earth ; and Thine be everlasting praise. *Amen.*

[*The Lord's Prayer, in response.*]

XXV.

WHITSUNDAY. *

THE PSALM.

SING unto God ; sing praises to His name : extol Him that rideth upon the heavens, and rejoice before Him.

Let the righteous be glad ; let them rejoice before God : yea, let them exceedingly rejoice.

A Father of the fatherless, and a Judge of the widows, is God in His holy habitation.

God setteth the solitary in families : He delivereth those which are bound.

Thou, O God, hast prepared of Thy goodness for the poor.

The Lord gave the word : great was the company of those that published it.

Messiah hath ascended on high ; he hath led captivity captive ;

* The seventh Sunday after Easter. The time of Whitsunday is noted for a few years : —

1873, June 1.	1882, May 28.	1891, May 17.
1874, May 24.	1883, May 13.	1892, June 5.
1875, May 16.	1884, June 1.	1893, May 21.
1876, June 4.	1885, May 24.	1894, May 13.
1877, May 20.	1886, June 13.	1895, June 2.
1878, June 9.	1887, May 29.	1896, May 24.
1879, June 1.	1888, May 20.	1897, June 6.
1880, May 16.	1889, June 9.	1898, May 29.
1881, June 5.	1890, May 25.	1899, May 21.

He hath received gifts for men; yea, for the rebellious also, that the Lord God might dwell among them.

Blessed be the LORD, who daily loadeth us with benefits: even the God of our salvation.

He that is our God | is the God of salvation; and unto God the Lord | belong the issues from death.

Bless ye God in the congregations: even the LORD.

Sing unto God, ye kingdoms of the earth: O sing praises unto the Lord:

To Him that rideth upon the heavens of heavens which were of old.

Ascribe we strength unto God: Blessed be God.

FOR THE GOSPEL.

The Day of Pentecost.

WHEN the day of Pentecost, fifty days after the resurrection of Jesus, was fully come, the twelve apostles were all with one accord in one place. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven, who were confounded, because that every man heard the apostles speak in his own language. And they said one to another, "Behold, are not all these which speak, Galileans? And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born? Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia, Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Lybia about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes, Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God."

And Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, "Ye men of Judea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: 'And it shall come to pass in the last days,' saith God, 'I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy; . . . and on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; . . . and it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' Ye men of Israel. Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know; Him ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain: whom God hath raised up, whereof we all are witnesses. Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received

of the FATHER the promise of the Holy Spirit, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear. And GOD hath made that same JESUS, whom ye crucified, both LORD and CHRIST."

Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their hearts, and said unto Peter, and to the rest of the apostles, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" Then Peter said unto them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of JESUS CHRIST for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

PRAYER.

WE thank Thee, our FATHER in Heaven, that Thou hast bountifully cared for our earthly lives, and hast also been mindful | of the needs of our souls. We bless Thee | for the word which Thou hast given to the world, through JESUS CHRIST; and for that Holy Spirit | which fills the heart of the believer | with peace and joy. We thank Thee for all the means | by which we have learned Thy truth: for JESUS, our Saviour; for his apostles, and for all of his ministers | who have published Thy word.

May Thy Holy Spirit occupy, and cleanse our hearts. Knowing of Thine infinite wisdom, may we seek Thy will. Hearing of Thine almighty power, may we trust in Thee. Feeling something of Thine abiding love, may we become like Thee. May our souls be filled with gladness, through faith in Thine unchangeable goodness, to us, and to all men. May we show in our acts that JESUS is our LORD,—the Guide of our lives: our CHRIST,—the welcome Messenger from Thee. Thy Kingdom come: Thy will be done on earth, as it is in Heaven. *Amen.*

[*The Lord's Prayer, in response.*]

XXVI.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY.*

I. SINGING.

II. THE PSALM.

BLESS the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me bless His holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits, who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee | with loving kindness and tender mercies; who satisfieth thee with good things.

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.

He will not always chide; neither will He keep his anger forever.

Like as a father pitieth his children, so the LORD pitieth them that fear Him.

For He knoweth our frame: He remembereth that we are dust.

The LORD hath prepared His throne in the heavens:

His kingdom ruleth over all.

Bless the LORD, ye His angels, that excel in strength, that do His commandments, hearkening unto the voice of His word.

Bless ye the Lord, all ye His hosts: ye ministers of His that do His pleasure.

Bless the LORD, all His works, in all places of His dominion:

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

III. THE GOSPEL.

The Saviour and Children.

WHEN JESUS, soon afterward, had departed from Galilee, and come into the coasts of Judea, by the farther side of the Jordan, they brought young children to him, that he should put his hands on them and pray. And his disciples rebuked those that brought them. But when JESUS saw it he was

* The second, or other convenient Sunday of June.

much displeased, and said unto them, "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein." And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them.

Once, when JESUS was at Capernaum, the disciples came unto him, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of Heaven?" And he sat down, and said unto them, "If any man desire to be first, the same shall be last of all, and the servant of all." And he took a little child, and set him in the midst of them; and when he had taken him in his arms he said unto them, "Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of Heaven. Whosoever, therefore, shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of Heaven. And whosoever shall receive one of such children in my name, receiveth me; and whosoever shall receive me, receiveth not me, but Him that sent me."

And he said, "Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones: for I say unto you, that in Heaven their angels do always behold the face of my FATHER which is in Heaven. For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost. How think ye? If a man have a hundred sheep, and one of them be gone astray, doth he not leave the ninety-and-nine, and goeth into the mountains, and seeketh that which is gone astray? And if so be that he find it, verily I say unto you, he rejoiceth more of that sheep, than of the ninety-and-nine which went not astray. Even so it is not the will of your FATHER which is in Heaven, that one of these little ones should perish."

IV. SINGING.

V. PRAYER.

WE thank Thee, O our FATHER, for the beautiful lessons of Thy love, so frequent in the life of our Saviour: and especially, to-day, for his care and Thine for children. We bless Thee for the trust we have, that however small, or weak, or unfortunate they may be, Thou lovest them, and hast ordained them | for the kingdom of Heaven. We praise the Mercy which sent JESUS | to save such as are lost, and wills that not one little one shall perish. We thank Thee for that blessed gift to mankind, the Gospel of CHRIST.

And, O our FATHER, may we remember Thee, with love and true worship. May we listen to the call of JESUS, and obey his word. *May we be humble, enter into Thy kingdom, and evermore enjoy*

its blessing. May we be wise, and seek and obey the truth. Bless us in our homes, and aid us, by Thy Holy Spirit, to do our duty, at all times. Teach us how to pray, that we may have Thy richest blessing; and may we be always thankful for Thy Fatherly kindness. *Amen.*

[*The Lord's Prayer, in response.*]

VI. SINGING. VII. ADDRESSES. VIII. SINGING.

IX. DEDICATION OF CHILDREN.

X. SINGING. XI. BENEDICTION.



XXVII

SUMMER.

THE PSALM.

BLESS the LORD, O my soul.

O Lord my God, Thou art very great: Thou art clothed with honor and majesty.

Thou stretchest out the heavens like a curtain.

Thou makest the clouds Thy chariot, and walkest upon the wings of the wind.

Thou makest the winds Thy messengers, the flaming lightnings Thy ministers.

Thou didst lay the foundations of the earth, that it should not be removed forever.

Thou sendest the springs into the valleys, which run among the hills: they give drink to every beast of the field.

By them shall the fowls of the heaven | have their habitation, which sing among the branches.

Thou waterest the hills from Thy chambers: the earth is satisfied with the fruit of Thy works.

Thou causeth the grass to grow | for the cattle, and herb | for the service of man: that he may bring forth food out of the earth.

O LORD, how manifold are Thy works! In wisdom hast Thou made them all.

The earth is full of Thy riches.

So is the great and wide sea, wherein are living creatures innumerable, animals small and great.

These wait all upon Thee, that Thou mayst give them their food | in due season.

That Thou givest them they gather : Thou openest Thine hand,—they are filled with good.

The glory of the Lord shall endure forever : the Lord shall rejoice in His works.

I will sing unto the LORD as long as I live : I will sing praise to my GOD while I have my being.

My meditation of Him shall be sweet. I will be glad in the Lord.

FOR THE GOSPEL.

The Resurrection.

ST. Paul wrote to the Corinthians: "Some man will say, 'How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come?' Thou fool, that which thou sowest is not quickened, except it die: and that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare grain; it may chance of wheat, or of some other grain. But God giveth it a body as it hath pleased Him, and to every seed its own body.

"So, also, is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption: it is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power: it is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. The first man Adam was made a living soul: the last Adam was made a quickening spirit. The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the LORD from heaven. As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

"For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. Then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, 'Death is swallowed up in victory.' O Death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory, through our LORD JESUS CHRIST. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the LORD, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the LORD."

PRAYER.

OUR FATHER who art in Heaven, who hast filled the world with Thy riches, and who carest for us all, we thank Thee for this beautiful season; for all the glory which overspreads the earth; for the grass which grows for the cattle, and the fruits which Thou hast given | for the service of man; for the warmth, and the light, and the flowers, with which Thou blessest us. We praise Thee, especially, for the sweet meditations of Thee | which spring up in our hearts; and bless Thee for the hope, that as the wealth of summer follows the barrenness of winter, so Thou hast in store for us, to follow this changing and perishing life in the body, a glorious immortality.

Give us hearts of sincere gratitude | for Thy mercy and love. Help us to prize the riches of Heaven, more than the riches of the earth. May our hope in Thee | be as an anchor of the soul, sure and steadfast. May we have the victory over death, through purity of heart and a true faith. Cleanse us from all sin, and make us abound in Thy work. Enable all Thy children, bearing the image of the earthy, to look for the time | when we all shall bear the image of the heavenly. Stamp upon our souls to-day | the image of CHRIST; forgive us, and save us. *Amen.*

[*The Lord's Prayer, in response.*]



XXVIII.

INDEPENDENCE.*

THE PSALM.

O GIVE thanks unto the LORD; call upon His name: make known His deeds among the people.

Sing unto Him, sing psalms un'o Him: we will talk of all His wondrous works.

Glory ye in His holy name: let the heart of them that seek the LORD rejoice.

* For the first Sunday of July.

We will seek the Lord, and His strength: we will seek His face evermore.

Remember His marvellous works that He hath done: His wonders and the judgments of His mouth.

He is the Lord our God: His judgments are in all the earth.

When our fathers were but a few in number, yea, very few, and strangers in the land, when they went from one nation to another, from one kingdom to another people, He suffered no man to do them wrong: yea, He reprov'd kings for their sakes.

And He increased His people greatly, and brought them forth with joy and gladness.

Praise ye the LORD.

We will give thanks to Him, and call upon His name, and make known His deeds among the people.

FOR THE GOSPEL.

The Nation — Liberty.

AT a certain time, when JESUS was at Jerusalem, the Pharisees sent out unto him some of their disciples, with the Herodians, that they might take hold of his words, so that they might deliver him unto the power and authority of the governor. And when they were come, they say unto him, "Master, we know that thou art true, and teachest the way of GOD in truth, and carest for no man: for thou regardest not the person of men. Tell us, therefore, what thou thinkest: Is it lawful to give tribute unto Cæsar, or not? Shall we give, or shall we not give?" But he perceived their wickedness, and said, "Why tempt ye me, ye hypocrites? Show me the tribute-money." And they brought unto him a penny. And he saith unto them, "Whose image and superscription is this?" They say unto him, "Cæsar's." Then saith he unto them, "Render, therefore, unto Cæsar, the things which are Cæsar's, and unto GOD the things which are GOD's." And they could not take hold of his words before the people: and they marvelled at his answer, and held their peace, and went their way.

Hear what St. James saith: "Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass; for he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed. *If ye fulfil the royal law according to the Scriptures, — 'Thou shalt love thy*

neighbor as thyself,'—ye do well. But if ye have respect to persons, ye commit sin, and are convicted of the law as transgressors. So speak ye, and so do, as they that shall be judged by the law of liberty."

PRAYER.

WE thank Thee, our FATHER in Heaven, for the great blessing of freedom | which we enjoy, and for the numerous privileges | to which we were born. We bless Thee for our country, for its schools and churches, for its civil institutions, for its prosperity, for mental and religious liberty. We praise Thee for the patriots | who have labored and died for it, that we, and those who come after us, may be blest for their courage, and unselfishness, and fidelity to the cause of humanity.

And we pray | that Thou wouldst still further bless us. Help us to love our country more, and to rejoice in its true prosperity. May the people love truth, and justice, and brotherly kindness, and peace, and purity. May they be faithful | to public and private duty. Bless the President and Congress of the United States, the Governor and Legislature of our State, and all who are in authority. May all nations, in due time, enjoy the blessings | which we prize so much; and may they all, finally, show forth Thy praise, through faith and righteousness. *Amen.*

[*The Lord's Prayer, in response.*]



XXIX.

JULY.

THE PSALM.

I WILL love Thee, O LORD, my Strength.
The Lord is my Rock, and my Fortress, and my Deliverer; my God, my Strength, in whom I will trust; my Buckler, and my High Tower.

Often the sorrows of death compass us, — the floods of destruc-

tion make us afraid : the sorrows of the grave surround us, — the snares of death seize upon us.

In our distress | we call upon the Lord, and cry unto our God : He hears our voice, and our cry comes before Him.

The LORD is our Stay : He delivers us, because He delights in us.

With the merciful, He shows himself merciful ; with the upright, He shows himself upright ; with the pure, He shows himself pure ; with the froward, He shows himself froward.

For He will save the afflicted people ; but will bring down high looks.

Who is God, save the Lord? or who is a rock, save our God?

His way is perfect : the word of the LORD is tried ; He is a Buckler to all those that trust in Him.

Therefore will we give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, among the nations, and sing praises unto Thy name.

THE GOSPEL.

The Maniac.

AND when JESUS had crossed from Galilee unto the other side of the lake, into the country of the Gadarenes, there met him a man with an unclean spirit, who had his dwelling among the tombs. And the man was exceeding fierce, so that no man might pass by. No man could bind him, no, not with chains : for he had been often bound with fetters and chains, and the chains had been plucked asunder by him, and the fetters broken in pieces ; neither could any man tame him. And always, night and day, he was in the mountains and in the tombs, crying, and cutting himself with stones.

But when he saw JESUS afar off, he cried out, and fell down before him, and, with a loud voice, said, "What have I to do with thee, JESUS, Son of GOD most high? I beseech thee, torment me not." (For JESUS had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man.) And he asked him, saying, "What is thy name?" And he answered, saying, "My name is Legion : for we are many." And he besought JESUS much that he would not send them away out of the country.

Now there was there nigh unto the mountains a great herd of swine feeding. And all the demons besought him, saying, "Send us into the swine, that we may enter into them." And he said unto them, "Go." And the unclean spirits went out, and entered into the swine : and behold, the whole herd ran violently down a steep place into the sea, and perished in the waters. And they that

fed the swine fled, and told it in the city and in the country. And they went out to see what it was that was done. And they come to JESUS, and see him that was possessed with the demon, and had the legion, sitting at the feet of JESUS, clothed, and in his right mind.

PRAYER.

O LORD, our heavenly FATHER, we thank Thee | for the blessings that come from without, and for those that abound within us. We bless Thee, not only for our bodies, but also for our minds, in which is shown | our likeness to Thee: for the wonderful power of thought, and all the surprising truths | which excite it, and minister to it. We thank Thee | for the means and opportunities of education: above all, for the teaching we have had | concerning Thee and Thy fatherly care; concerning JESUS and his love; concerning Heaven and our duty.

May we use all our blessings aright. Keep us, O FATHER, from temptation and sin. Make us faithful to duty, and to the great privileges we enjoy. May our thoughts be wise, and true, and pure; and may our feelings, and our passions, always be controlled | by reason and by kindness. Make us like Thyself, in all the power and beauty of Thy love. Drive out from us all evil dispositions, all sin, all unbelief, and save us, through CHRIST.
Amen.

[*The Lord's Prayer, in response.*]



XXX.

JULY.

THE PSALM.

PRESERVE us, O GOD: for in Thee do we put our trust.
O my soul, say unto the Lord, Thou art my Lord.

The LORD is the Portion of mine inheritance and of my cup.

The lines are fallen unto us | in pleasant places; yea, we have a goodly heritage.

I will bless the LORD, who hath given me counsel : my heart also shall instruct me in the night season.

We have set the Lord always before us : since He is at our right hand, we shall not be moved.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth : my flesh also shall rest in hope.

Thou wilt show us the path of life : in Thy presence is fulness of joy : at thy right hand are pleasures forevermore.

THE GOSPEL.

Feeding the Multitude.

ON a certain day, at Capernaum, Jesus said to his apostles, "Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest a while;" for there were many coming and going, and they had no leisure so much as to eat. And they departed, and went over the sea of Galilee, which is the sea of Tiberias, unto a desert place. And the people saw them departing; and many knew him, and followed them on foot out of the cities, and outwent them, and came together unto him. And Jesus, when he came out, saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd; and he spake unto them of the kingdom of God, and healed them that had need of healing.

And when the day began to wear away, his disciples came to him, saying, "This is a desert place, and the time is now past: send the multitude away, that they may go into the villages, and buy themselves bread; for they have nothing to eat."

But Jesus said unto them, "They need not depart: give ye them to eat." Philip answered him, "Two hundred pennyworth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may take a little." Jesus saith unto the disciples, "How many loaves have you?—go and see." Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, saith unto him, "There is a lad here which hath five barley-loaves, and two small fishes: but what are they among so many?" And Jesus said, "Make them sit down by companies." (Now there was much grass in the place.) And they sat down in ranks, by hundreds and by fifties. Then he took the five loaves and the two fishes, and looking up to Heaven he gave thanks, and brake the loaves, and gave them to the disciples to set before the multitude, and likewise the two fishes divided he among them all.

And they did all eat and were filled. And Jesus said to his disciples, "Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost;" and they took up of the fragments that remained twelve baskets full. And they that had eaten were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

PRAYER.

O LORD, our heavenly FATHER, we thank Thee for the kind providence | which watches over us, and supplies all our wants; for the care which guards us | by night and by day; for the love | which so bountifully fills our lives | with good. But we bless Thee this day, especially, for the fulness of joy | which we may feel in Thy presence: for the immortal pleasures at Thy right hand, coming to our souls | whenever we earnestly seek them. We praise Thee | for the word which speaks of Thee, and of Thy great goodness.

May we all have the spirit of CHRIST: the spirit of love, and of power, and of a sound mind. May we pity and help those who are in need, according to our ability. May we covet the blessings of Heaven, and, by pure hearts, see Thee in all Thy greatness. May we, while thinking of earthly wants, and earthly pleasures, not forget our Saviour, or our FATHER in Heaven; but seek the food of our souls, as well as that of our bodies. Keep us from sin, and fill us with love of Thee; and the grace of the LORD JESUS CHRIST be with us. *Amen.*

[*The Lord's Prayer, in response.*]



XXXI.

JULY.

THE PSALM.

UNTO Thee, O LORD, do I lift up my soul.
For Thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plentiful in mercy | unto all them that call upon Thee.

Give ear, O LORD, unto my prayer:

Attend to the voice of our supplications.

In the day of my trouble I will call upon Thee: for Thou wilt answer me.

Among the gods | there is none like unto Thee, O Lord: neither are there any works | like unto Thy works.

All nations whom Thou hast made shall come and worship before Thee, O LORD, and shall glorify Thy name.

For Thou art great, and doest wondrous things: Thou art God alone.

Teach us Thy way, O LORD; we will walk in Thy truth: unite our hearts to fear Thy name.

We will praise Thee, O Lord our God, with the whole heart; we will glorify Thy name forevermore.

For great is Thy mercy toward us: Thou helped us, and comforted us.

Thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion | and gracious, long-suffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth.

THE GOSPEL.

The Bread of God.

THUS spake JESUS unto the people in the synagogue at Capernaum: "Labor not for the meat that perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath GOD the FATHER sealed. The bread of GOD is he who cometh down from Heaven." Then said they unto him, "LORD, evermore give us this bread!" And JESUS said unto them, "I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst. All that the FATHER giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me, I will in no wise cast out. No man can come to me, except the FATHER who hath sent me draw him. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall be all taught of GOD.' Every man, therefore, that hath heard, and hath learned of the FATHER, cometh unto me. Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life. This is the bread which cometh down from Heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world."

From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him. Then said JESUS unto the twelve, "Will ye also go away?" Then Simon Peter answered him, "LORD, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life. And we believe, and are sure that thou art that CHRIST, the Son of the living GOD."

PRAYER.

O HEAVENLY LORD, we adore Thee as a GOD of compassion, and long suffering, and mercy; as the King of the earth and

heaven, and the FATHER of us all; as the FATHER of our LORD JESUS CHRIST, whom Thou didst seal | as the Minister of Thy grace to our souls. We thank Thee | for food that perishes, but more for that which endures, given for the life of the world. We worship Thee | for Thy truth and Thy glory, and rejoice in the words of eternal life | spoken by our Saviour.

And we pray for Thy grace, that we may faithfully labor | for the proper food of our souls. May we feed upon CHRIST's love and truth. May we have his strength, and rest, and comfort. May we do what we can | to bring others to partake of them. May more and more of the children of men | come to CHRIST, and learn of Thee. And, finally, may all the nations whom Thou hast made | worship Thee, and glorify Thy name. Bless us | by increasing our faith and love, and save us all. *Amen.*

[*The Lord's Prayer, in response.*]



XXXII.

JULY, OR AUGUST.

FOR THE PSALM.

COME near, ye nations, to hear, and hearken, ye people: let the earth hear, and all that is therein; the world and all things that come forth of it.

The wilderness | and the parched lands | shall be glad, and the desert | rejoice and blossom as the rose.

It shall blossom abundantly, and exult with joy and singing.

We shall see the glory of the Lord, the excellency of our God.

Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees: say to the faint-hearted, "Be strong; fear not; behold, your God will come and save you."

Then the eyes of the blind | shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf | shall be unstopped; then shall the lame man | leap as a hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing.

For in the wilderness shall waters break forth, and streams in the desert. And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of waters; in the habitation of jackals, where each lay, shall be a place for reeds and rushes.

And a highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called, The Way of Holiness.

The unclean shall not pass over it: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein.

No lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast | shall go up thereon; but the redeemed shall walk there.

And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads:

They shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

THE GOSPEL.

Works of Healing.

AT a certain time, JESUS went from Capernaum, and departed into the coasts of Tyre and Sidon, and entered into a house, and would have no man know it: but he could not be hid. And behold, a woman of Canaan, whose young daughter had an unclean spirit, heard of him, and came and fell at his feet, and cried unto him, saying, "Have mercy on me, O LORD, Son of David: my daughter is grievously vexed with a demon." But he answered her not a word. And his disciples came and besought him, saying, "Send her away; for she crieth after us." Then said she, "LORD, help me." But JESUS said unto her, "Let the children first be filled: for it is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it unto the dogs." And she answered and said to him, "Truth, LORD: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their master's table." Then JESUS answered and said unto her, "O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt." And when she was come to her house, she found the demon gone out, and her daughter laid upon the bed.

And again, departing from the coasts of Tyre and Sidon, he came unto the sea of Galilee. And they bring unto him one that was deaf, and had an impediment in his speech; and they beseech JESUS to put his hand upon him. And he took him aside from the multitude, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spit, and touched his tongue: and looking up to heaven, he sighed, and saith unto him, "Be opened." And straightway his ears were opened; and his tongue was loosed, and he spake plain.

And great multitudes came unto him, having with them lame, blind, dumb,

maimed, and many other persons, and cast them down at JESUS' feet, and he healed them; insomuch that the multitude wondered, when they saw the dumb to speak, the maimed to be whole, the lame to walk, and the blind to see; and they glorified the God of Israel.

And JESUS cometh to Bethsaida; and they bring a blind man unto him, and besought him to touch him. And he took the blind man by the hand, and led him out of the town; and when he had spit on his eyes, and put his hands upon him, he asked him if he saw aught. And he looked up, and said, "I see men as trees walking." After that, he put his hands again upon his eyes, and made him look up: and he was restored, and saw every man clearly.

PRAYER.

OUR heavenly FATHER, we thank Thee | for Thy continued goodness to us: for those who love us and care for us; for friends; and for the things which keep up our earthly life. But we would, on this day of days, especially thank Thee for hope and comfort, and salvation. We bless Thee | for the life of CHRIST, given to us for an example: for his pity, and love, and faithfulness; for his going about to do good; for his care | for all who were in distress; for his ready hand | when any needed his help; for the work he is now doing | in human souls.

May we follow in his steps; and, though we cannot heal the sick and suffering with a word or a touch, may we do what we can | for the relief of those who need help. May we have faith | in his readiness to heal blind, and deaf, and maimed souls. Heal our blindness, that we may see Thy glory; heal our deafness, that we may know Thy truth; heal our lameness, that we may run in the way of Thy commandment; and enable us to understand, and do, our whole duty. May we look forward | to the time when all souls shall be made perfect, through JESUS CHRIST our LORD.
Amen.

[*The Lord's Prayer, in response.*]

XXXIII.

AUGUST.

THE PSALM.

AS the hart panteth after the water-brooks, so panteth my soul after Thee, O God. My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God?

We will go with the multitude, — will go with them to the house of God, with the voice of joy and praise; with a multitude | that keep the holy day.

Why art thou ever cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? Hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise Him — Him, my Deliverer and my God.

Though waves and billows go over us, the Lord will command His loving-kindness | in the day-time, and in the night | His song shall be with us, and our prayer | unto the God of our lives.

Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? Hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise Him — Him, my Deliverer, and my God.

O send out Thy light, and Thy truth: let them lead us: let them bring us to Thy holy hill, and to Thy dwelling-place.

Then will I go unto the altar of God, unto God my exceeding Joy: yea, I will praise Thee, O God, my God!

Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted | within me? Hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise Him — Him, my Deliverer, and my God.

THE GOSPEL.

Jesus the Christ.

WHEN JESUS was going unto the coasts of Cesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, "Whom do men say that I, the Son of man, am?" And they said, "Some say that thou art John the Baptist; some, Elias; others Jeremias, or that one of the old prophets is risen again." He saith

unto them, "But whom say ye that I am?" And Simon Peter answered and said, "Thou art the CHRIST, the Son of the living GOD." And JESUS answered and said unto him, "Blessed art thou, Simon, son of Jonah: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my FATHER who is in Heaven."

Now about the midst of the feast of tabernacles, JESUS went up into the temple, and taught. And the Jews marvelled, saying, "How knoweth this man letters, having never learned?" JESUS answered them, saying, "My doctrine is not mine, but His that sent me. If any man will do His will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of GOD, or whether I speak of myself. Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment." And many of the people believed on him, and said, "When CHRIST cometh, will he do more miracles than these which this man has done?"

In the last day, that great day of the feast, JESUS stood and cried, saying, "If any man thirst, let him come unto me and drink. He that believeth on me, as the Scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water." But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive.

Many of the people, therefore, when they heard this saying, said, "Of a truth, this is the Prophet." Others said, "This is the CHRIST." But some said, "Shall the CHRIST come out of Galilee?" So there was a division among the people because of him. And some of the people would have taken him; but no man laid hands on him.

PRAYER.

A GAIN we would thank Thee, our heavenly FATHER, for the privilege we have, remembering Thy great goodness, of thanking Thee | for numberless blessings, and of asking Thee | for those things that we need. We bless Thee | for the hope of immortal life, and for the comfort which Thou hast in store | for all who are in any trouble. We praise Thee | for the faith which assures us of Thy love | for every human soul, and of Thy victory, at last, over all sin and death.

May we be more faithful to duty, and better disciples of our Saviour. May we drink of his spirit, and quench the thirst of our souls. May we do Thy will, and thus know in our hearts | that the Saviour's doctrine is Thine. May we judge kindly and truly. And when our souls are cast down, may we find the hope that leads to praise. Bless the poor, and the suffering, and the sinning, and the sorrowing, and save us all through CHRIST our Master. *Amen.*

[*The Lord's Prayer, in response.*]

XXXIV.

AUGUST.

FOR THE PSALM.

MY soul doth magnify the LORD ;
And my spirit | rejoiceth in God my Saviour.

For He that is mighty hath done great things :

Holy is His name.

Blessed be the LORD GOD of Israel ;

For He hath visited and redeemed His people.

Through the tender mercy of our God, the Day-spring from on high hath visited us :

To give light | to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death, — to guide our feet | in the way of peace.

GOD, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts :

To give the light | of the knowledge of the glory of God | in the face of Jesus Christ.

GOD is Light, and in Him is no darkness at all.

The darkness is past, and the true light now shineth.

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your GOD.

The glory of the Lord | shall be revealed, and all flesh | shall see it together ; for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

THE GOSPEL.

The Transfiguration.

AT a certain time, JESUS taketh Peter, James, and John, and leadeth them up unto a high mountain apart by themselves, to pray. And as he prayed, the fashion of his countenance was altered, so that his face did shine as the sun ; and his raiment was white and glistening. And behold, there talked with him two men, who were Moses and Elijah. And it came to pass, as they departed from him, Peter said unto JESUS, “ Master, it is good for us to be here : let us make three tabernacles, one for thee, and one for Moses,

and one for Elijah." While he thus spake, there came a cloud, and overshadowed them: and they feared as they entered into the cloud. And there came a voice out of the cloud, saying, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased: hear ye him." And when the voice was past, JESUS was found alone.

And as they came down from the mountain, he charged them that they should tell no man what things they had seen, till the Son of man were risen from the dead.

PRAYER.

OUR souls magnify Thee, O LORD, our heavenly FATHER, for Thy greatness and Thy love. We rejoice | in the light which shines into our hearts, as in that which beams into our eyes. We thank Thee | for the food which nourishes our souls, as for that which sustains our bodies. We bless Thee | for what we have learned of Thee, of JESUS, and of Heaven: for the truth, and comfort, and hope, and peace, of the Gospel of CHRIST. We praise Thee | that Thy glory is to be so revealed, that finally all souls shall see it.

May our feet now be guided | into the way of peace. May we willingly take into our hearts Thy light, so that our path may be clear and bright, and our souls never be in darkness. May we listen with open hearts | to Thy beloved Son, and believe and obey him, so that Thou mayst be well pleased in us. Bless all who love us; and if we have any enemies, bless them, and help us to forgive them. Bless the people of this land, and of all lands; and, finally, may we all taste of Thy goodness, in Thy perfect Heaven.
Amen.

[*The Lord's Prayer, in response.*]



XXXV.

AUGUST.

THE PSALM.

IN Thee, O LORD, do we put our trust: deliver us in Thy righteousness.

Bow down Thine ear to us: deliver us speedily: be Thou our strong Rock and Defence.

For Thou art our Rock and our Fortress: therefore for Thy name's sake lead us and guide us.

Into Thy hand we commit ourselves: Thou hast redeemed us, O Lord God of truth.

We will be glad and rejoice in Thy mercy: for Thou considerest our trouble.

We trust in Thee, O Lord: Thou art our God: our times are in Thy hand.

Make Thy face to shine upon us: save us for Thy mercies' sake.

O how great is Thy goodness, which Thou hast laid up for them that fear Thee,— which Thou hast wrought for them that trust in Thee!

Thou hidest them in the secret of Thy presence from the pride of man: Thou shelterest them in Thy pavilion from the strife of tongues.

Blessed be the Lord: for He hath showed us His marvellous kindness.

O, love the LORD, all ye His saints: for the LORD preserveth the faithful, and plentifully rewardeth the proud doer.

Be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the Lord.

THE GOSPEL.

The Lunatic— The Temper of Christ.

ONCE, when JESUS came to his disciples, he saw a great multitude about them, and the scribes questioning with them. And straightway all the people, when they beheld him, were greatly amazed, and running to him, saluted him. And one of the company came to him, kneeling down to him, and saying, "Master, I beseech thee, look upon my son: for he is mine only child. For he is a lunatic, and sore vexed. Ofttimes he falleth into the fire, and oft into the water; and he foameth and gnasheth with his teeth, and pineth away. And I brought him to thy disciples, and they could not cure him." Then JESUS answered and said, "Bring thy son hither." And they brought him unto him: and when he saw him, straightway the spirit tare him; and he fell on the ground, and wallowed, foaming. And JESUS asked his father, "How long is it ago since this came unto him?" And he said, "From

a child. If thou canst do anything, have compassion on us, and help us." JESUS said unto him, "If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth." And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said, with tears, "LORD, I believe: help thou mine unbelief." And JESUS rebuked the unclean spirit, and healed the child, and delivered him again to his father. And they were all amazed at the mighty power of God.

And it came to pass, when the time was come when he should be received up, JESUS set his face to go to Jerusalem, and sent messengers before his face: and they went and entered into a village of the Samaritans, to make ready for him. And they did not receive him, because his face was as though he would go to Jerusalem. And when his disciples James and John saw this, they said, "LORD, wilt thou that we command fire to come down from heaven, and consume them, even as Elijah did?" But he turned, and rebuked them, and said, "Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of. For the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them." And they went to another village.

PRAYER.

OUR FATHER, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name, in which we securely trust. We rejoice | that Thou art King of all worlds, and of all people, and that Thy laws are laws of love. We bless Thee | for life and all its joys: for summer and winter: for home and friends: for earth and Heaven. We praise Thee for Thy goodness, which is shown to us every day. We thank Thee | for the life of JESUS CHRIST, our LORD and Saviour, for his loving spirit, his ready kindness, and all that he has done, and is to do, for us and for the world.

May we willingly seek and obtain the mind which was in CHRIST. Save us, O FATHER, from sin, its uncleanness, and its woe. Help us to believe, truly and confidently, in our Saviour and in Thee. And when evil is in our hearts, and passion or wrong desires | seem ready to master us, O touch us | with the thought of Thy purity and Thy love, that we may be delivered and healed. In the spirit of CHRIST, may we love our fellow-men, even if unfriendly to us. And, FATHER, bless them all in CHRIST JESUS. *Amen.*

[*The Lord's Prayer, in response.*]

XXXVI.

AUGUST, OR SEPTEMBER.

FOR THE PSALM.

THOUGH I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.

And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge: and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.

And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.

Charity suffereth long, and is kind: charity envieth not.

Charity vaunteth not itself; is not puffed up; doth not behave itself unseemly; seeketh not her own; is not easily provoked; thinketh no evil; rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; beareth all things; believeth all things; hopeth all things endureth all things.

Charity never faileth.

But whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.

But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

For now we see through a glass darkly; but then face to face.

Now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

And now abideth faith, hope, charity: but the greatest of these is charity.

The righteous shall be glad in the LORD, and shall trust in Him;
And all the upright in heart shall glory

THE GOSPEL.

The Good Samaritan.

JESUS had sent out seventy disciples, to preach his word among the people of different places, and to heal the sick. And they returned again with joy, saying, "LORD, even the demons are subject unto us through thy name!" And he said unto them, "I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven. Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Notwithstanding, in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in Heaven."

And behold, a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted him, saying, "Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said unto him, "What is written in the law? How readest thou?" And he answering said, "Thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself." And Jesus said unto him, "Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt live."

But the lawyer, wishing to justify himself, said unto Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" And Jesus, answering, said, "A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. And by chance there came down a certain priest that way; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him, and went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And on the morrow, when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, 'Take care of him: and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee.' Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbor unto him that fell among the thieves?" And he said, "He that showed mercy on him." Then said Jesus unto him, "Go, and do thou likewise."

PRAYER.

O LORD, our heavenly FATHER, who hast filled our lives with good, and given us all things richly to enjoy, we thank Thee for the love | which is always bestowing blessings upon us, and is

wide as the world. We rejoice in the truth | which shows us Thy great goodness, and fills our hearts | with light and gladness. We bless Thee | for the gracious words of the LORD JESUS CHRIST, and the lessons of duty, and of charity, which he set forth for us.

May we be prepared, by Thy Holy Spirit, to obey his word. May our names be written in Heaven. May all pride and vain-glory | be driven from our souls, and love be breathed into them. May we be neighbors | to all who need the help we can give, having compassion upon them. May we love Thee, and our fellow-men, with the love that never fails. And may we firmly hold | to the faith of the Gospel, steadfastly hoping that all shall at last know Thee, and thus be brought to love Thee supremely, world without end. *Amen.*

[*The Lord's Prayer, in response.*]

XXXVII.

SEPTEMBER.

THE PSALM.

GOD be merciful unto us, and bless us; and cause His face to shine upon us.

O that Thy way may be known upon earth, Thy saving health among all nations.

Let the people praise Thee, O GOD :

Let all the people praise Thee.

O let the nations be glad and sing for joy :

For Thou shalt judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon earth.

Let the people praise Thee, O GOD :

Let all the people praise Thee.

For the earth hath yielded her increase; and God, even our own God, hath blessed us.

God will bless us; and all the ends of the earth shall fear Him.

THE GOSPEL.

The Door — The Joy in Heaven.

ONCE, at Jerusalem, JESUS said, "Verily, verily I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. But he that entereth in by the door, is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the porter openeth, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out. And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice. And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers."

Then said JESUS again, "I am the Door of the sheep: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. I am the good Shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. I know my sheep, and am known of mine. As the FATHER knoweth me, even so know I the FATHER: and I lay down my life for the sheep. And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them, also, I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold and one Shepherd."

At another time many publicans and sinners drew near unto JESUS to hear him. And the Pharisees and scribes murmured, saying, "This man receiveth sinners, and eateth with them." And he spake this parable unto them, saying, "What man of you having a hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it? And when he hath found it, he layeth it on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he cometh home, he calleth together his friends and neighbors, saying unto them, 'Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost.' I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in Heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons which need no repentance."

PRAYER.

WE thank Thee, our FATHER in Heaven, for Thy kind providence, which so fully satisfies all our wants. We bless Thee | for the better nature Thou hast given to us, by which we were made Thy children. We praise Thee for the good Shepherd, who cares for us, and watches when we stray from his fold, and whom Thou didst send amongst men, to seek and to save the lost. And we rejoice in the hope that, at last, he will bring home every wandering soul, to the great joy of all in Heaven.

And we pray for Thy help, that our thankfulness may be sincere and blissful. Teach us the voice of JESUS, that we may hear it,

and follow him. Bless us, not only with the increase of the earth, but also with the food | which the Saviour gives to the soul. May we feel in our hearts | Thy love and CHRIST's for us, and so may warm love | be kindled toward Thee, and toward him, and toward our fellow-men. Forgive our sins, and help us do our whole duty. May we not wander from Thy commandments, but obey Thee truly forevermore. *Amen.*

[*The Lord's Prayer, in response.*]

XXXVIII.

SEPTEMBER.

THE PSALM.

O COME, let us sing unto the LORD :

Let us make a joyful noise | to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving :

Let us make a joyful noise unto Him | with psalms.

For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

In His hand | are the deep places of the earth :

The strength of the hills is His also.

The sea is His, and He made it : and His hands formed the dry land.

O come, let us worship and bow down : let us kneel before the LORD our Maker.

For He is our God : and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.

THE GOSPEL.

Humility.

AND it came to pass, as JESUS went into the house of one of the chief Pharisees on a certain Sabbath-day, that they watched him. And behold, there was a man before him, which had the dropsy. And JESUS spake unto the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath-day?" And they held their peace. And he took and healed him, and let him

go : and answered them, saying, "Which of you shall have an ass or an ox fallen into a pit, and will not straightway pull him out on the Sabbath-day?" And they could not answer him again to these things.

And he put forth a parable to those which were bidden, when he marked how they chose out the chief rooms ; saying unto them, "When thou art bidden of any man to a wedding, sit not down in the highest room, lest a more honorable man than thou be bidden of him ; and he that bade thee and him come and say to thee, 'Give this man place ;' and thou begin with shame to take the lowest room. But when thou art bidden, go and sit down in the lowest room ; that when he that bade thee cometh, he may say unto thee, 'Friend, go up higher :' then shalt thou have worship in the presence of them that sit at meat with thee. For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased, and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted."

Then said JESUS also to him that bade him, "When thou makest a dinner or a supper, call not thy friends, nor thy brethren, neither thy kinsmen, nor thy rich neighbors ; lest they also bid thee again, and a recompense be made thee. But when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind ; and thou shalt be blessed ; for they cannot recompense thee : for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just."

And when one of them that sat at meat with him heard these things, he said unto him, "Blessed is he that shall eat bread in the kingdom of God."

PRAYER.

OUR FATHER, who art in Heaven, and givest us all our blessings, we thank Thee | for another day of enjoyment, for another hour of worship and instruction. We praise Thee for Thy continued goodness | to us and to all men. We bless Thee for the hope of Thy glory, and of the eternal life and blessedness | of all Thy children. We rejoice that Thou art our God, while we are the people of Thy pasture, and the sheep of Thy hand : that Thou art a great God, — the King of kings, and Lord of lords.

And we pray | for the mercies new every day, which Thou art ready to grant us. May we live | as Thy children ought to live. May we worship Thee truly, not only now by our songs and prayers, but also, at all times, by our thoughts, and words, and deeds. May our joys be joys of the soul : arising from a firm faith in Thy goodness, a sure hope in Thy mercy, an active love for our fellows. Make us pure, and humble, and forgiving. Pardon our sins. Deliver us from evil. Bless the world, and lead it home, through **CHRIST** our Redeemer. *Amen.*

[*The Lord's Prayer, in response.*]

XXXIX.

SEPTEMBER.

THE PSALM.

UNTO Thee, O LORD, do I lift up my soul.

O God, we trust in Thee: let us not be ashamed.

Show me Thy ways, O LORD: teach me Thy paths.

Lead us in Thy truth, and teach us: for Thou art the God of our salvation; on Thee do we wait all the day.

Remember, O LORD, Thy tender mercies and Thy loving-kindnesses: for they have been ever of old.

Remember not the sins of our youth, nor our transgressions: according to Thy mercy remember Thou us, for Thy goodness' sake, O Lord.

Good and upright is the LORD: therefore will He teach sinners in the way.

The meek will He guide in judgment: and the meek will He teach His way.

All the paths of the LORD are mercy and truth unto such as keep His covenant and His testimonies.

For Thy name's sake, O Lord, pardon our iniquities.

What man is he that feareth the LORD? Him shall He teach in the way that he shall choose.

The secret of the Lord | is with them that fear Him; and He will show them His covenant.

O keep my soul, and deliver me: let me not be ashamed, for I put my trust in Thee.

Let integrity and uprightness preserve us: for we wait on Thee.

THE GOSPEL.

The Prodigal Son.

WHEN some murmured at Jesus, saying, "This man receiveth sinners, and eateth with them," he spake this parable unto them:

"A certain man had two sons: and the younger of them said to his father,

'Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me.' And he divided unto them his living.

"And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living. And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want. And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat; and no man gave unto him.

"And when he came to himself, he said, 'How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, 'Father, I have sinned against Heaven, and before thee, and am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants.'" And he arose, and came to his father.

"But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him. And the son said unto him, 'Father, I have sinned against Heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring forth the best robe and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet: and bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry: for this my son was dead, and is alive again: he was lost, and is found.' And they began to be merry.

"Now his elder son was in the field: and as he came and drew nigh to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants, and asked what these things meant. And he said unto him, 'Thy brother is come; and thy father hath killed the fatted calf, because he hath received him safe and sound.' And he was angry, and would not go in: therefore came his father out, and entreated him. And he, answering, said to his father, 'Lo, these many years do I serve thee, neither transgressed I at any time thy commandment; and yet thou never gavest me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends: but as soon as this thy son was come, which hath devoured thy living with harlots, thou hast killed for him the fatted calf.' And he said unto him, 'Son, thou art ever with me; and all that I have is thine. It was meet that we should make merry, and be glad: for this thy brother was dead, and is alive again; and was lost and is found.'"

PRAYER.

WE rejoice, O our heavenly FATHER, in Thy loving-kindnesses, and Thy tender mercies. We remember our weakness, and Thy glorious holiness; and we praise Thee for Thy forgiving love. We bless Thee for the goodness | which sends such plenteous gifts,

both upon the good, and upon the evil. We thank Thee for homes, and friends, and daily food: for those better gifts of mind and soul | which lift us above the brutes that perish: for those powers which, rightly used, will bring us the joys of Heaven.

And we pray for heavenly grace, that we may not waste our powers, or our opportunities. Bless us to-day with new purposes, to break away from our sins, and to lead holy lives. Help us to trust in Thee, and in the word of Thy commandment. May we not leave the path of righteousness, whatever may tempt us; but may we love truth and purity,—our Saviour and Thee. Bless all the world; and may the wicked leave their wickedness, and come home to peace and to God. *Amen.*

[*The Lord's Prayer, in response.*]

XL.

A U T U M N .

THE PSALM.

O THOU that hearest prayer, unto Thee shall all flesh comè.
Blessed is the man whom Thou choosest, and causest to approach, that he may dwell in Thy courts: he shall be satisfied | with the goodness of Thy house, even of Thy holy temple.

Thou art the confidence of all the ends of the earth, and of them that are afar off upon the sea:

Thou, by Thy strength, settest fast the mountains, being girded with power:

Thou stillest the noise of the seas: the noise of their waves, and the tumult of the people.

Thou makest | the outgoings of the morning and evening | to rejoice.

Thou visitest the earth and waterest it: Thou enrichest it exceedingly: the river of God is full of water: Thou suppliest the earth with corn, when Thou hast thus prepared it.

Thou waterest its furrows, and breakest down its ridges: Thou makest it soft with showers, and blestest its increase.

Thou crownest the year with Thy goodness, and Thy footsteps drop fruitfulness.

They drop it | upon the pastures of the wilderness, and the hills are girt with gladness.

The pastures are clothed with flocks, and the valleys are covered with corn:

They shout, yea, they sing for joy.

THE GOSPEL.

The True Vine.

JESUS once said to his disciples, "I am the true Vine, and my FATHER is the Husbandman. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit, he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine, no more can ye, except ye abide in me. I am the Vine, ye are the branches: he that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. Herein is my FATHER glorified, that ye bear much fruit: so shall ye be my disciples. This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my FATHER, I have made known unto you. These things I command you, That ye love one another."

PRAYER.

WE thank Thee, our FATHER and Friend, for the full supply of all our wants; for the fruitfulness of the earth; for the glory of autumn, as the last harvests are gathered. We thank Thee | for the goodness that crowns the year: for the sunshine and the rain, which, in Thy kindness, alike serve us, and, by blessing the evil and the good, show us Thy wonderful love. We bless Thee for that grace, which moved Thee to create us | in Thine own likeness, and to feed our souls with holy truth, with lofty hopes, and with visions of immortal joy.

May we return to Thee, for all Thy favors, the love which they demand. May we remember, as we enjoy, from whom our blessings come. May our minds dwell | on the thought of Thy mercy ; and may we have the fear of the LORD | which is the beginning of wisdom, and in which there is strong confidence. May our souls be full of Thee, to-day and all days. Hear our prayer, and bless us with better purposes, and with purer hearts. May the world learn Thy truth, and obey Thee, through CHRIST the LORD. *Amen.*

[*The Lord's Prayer, in response.*]

XLI.

MEMORIAL SUNDAY.*

I. SINGING.

II. THE PSALM.

LORD, Thou hast been our Dwelling-place in all generations. *Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever Thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, Thou art God.*

Thou turnest man to destruction ; and sayest, Return, ye children of men.

For a thousand years, in Thy sight, are but as yesterday, when it is past, and as a watch in the night.

Thou carriest them away as with a flood ; they are as a sleep ; in the morning they are like grass which groweth up.

In the morning it flourisheth, and groweth up ; in the evening it is cut down, and withereth.

So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

* Any Sunday in October set apart to commemorate the death, during the previous year, of any member of the Sunday School or family. The room might appropriately be decorated with autumn leaves.

O satisfy us early with Thy mercy, that we may rejoice and be glad | all our days.

Let Thy work appear unto Thy servants, and Thy glory unto their children.

And let the beauty of the Lord our God | be upon us: and establish Thou | the work of our hands | upon us; yea, the work of our hands, establish Thou it.

III. HYMN.

IV. FOR A PSALM.

REMEMBER now your Creator in the days of your youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when you shall say, We have no pleasure in them.

The dust shall return to the earth, as it was; and the spirit shall return unto God, who gave it.

It is of the LORD's mercies that we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not.

They are new every morning: great is Thy faithfulness.

"The LORD is my Portion," saith my soul; therefore will I hope in Him.

It is good | that we should both hope, and quietly wait, for the salvation of the Lord.

For the LORD will not cast off forever:

But though He cause grief, yet will He have compassion, according to the multitude of His mercies.

The sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

Because the creature itself | also shall be delivered | from the bondage of corruption, into the glorious liberty | of the children of God.

None of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself;

For whether we live, we live unto the Lord;

And whether we die, we die unto the LORD:

Whether we live, therefore, or die, we are the Lord's.

Our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not

seen : for the things which are seen are temporal ; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

For we know that, if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God !

For of Him, and through Him, and to Him, are all things : to whom be glory forever. Amen.

V. THE GOSPEL.

The Widow's Son — The Ruler's Daughter.

ON a certain day, when JESUS, going unto a city called Nain, came nigh to the gate of the city, behold, there was a dead man carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow : and much people of the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her, and said unto her, "Weep not." And he came and touched the bier : and they that bore it stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say unto thee, Arise." And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak : and he delivered him to his mother.

Once, at Capernaum, there came a man named Jairus, a ruler of the synagogue : and he fell down at JESUS' feet, and besought him that he would come unto his house. For he had one only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she lay a-dying. And as they went, there cometh one from the house of the ruler of the synagogue, saying to him, "Thy daughter is dead : trouble not the Master." But when JESUS heard it, he said, "Fear not : only believe." And when he came into the house, and saw the minstrels and the people greatly weeping and bewailing, he saith unto them, "Why make ye this ado and weep ? The damsel is not dead, but sleepeth." And they laughed him to scorn. But when he had put them all out, he taketh the father and mother of the damsel, and Peter and James and John, and entereth in where the damsel was lying. And he took her by the hand, saying, "Maiden, arise." And her spirit came again, and she arose straightway, and walked. And JESUS commanded that something should be given her to eat.

VI. PRAYER.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, who livest and reignest forever, we thank Thee | for the lives of those whom we have known | upon the earth, but whom we shall no more see | with bodily eyes.

We thank Thee | for the pleasure their society has given us, and for the hope, sure and steadfast, that Thou still hast them | in Thy holy care and keeping, in a world where there is no death, and where, in Thy good time, we shall meet them, to part no more forever. We thank Thee | that as JESUS, through Thy power, raised again to mortal life | the widow's son and the ruler's daughter, so Thou wilt raise to immortal life | all the sons and daughters of men.

And we would ever keep in mind, that Thou art the Home of our souls; that though we sorrow, in Thee are heavenly compassion, and abiding comfort; that all suffering | is to work out Thy glory in our hearts. Help our faith in Thy love. Give us Thy Holy Spirit. May we hold ourselves to be, not beings of this world only, but Thy children: heirs of all blessing and grace. May we now taste of the hopes | and of the joys | of true religion, and, looking forward to the glory yet to come, may we live righteously, soberly, and godly, in this present world, through JESUS CHRIST our Lord. *Amen.*

[*The Lord's Prayer, in response.*]

VII. HYMN. VIII. ADDRESSES. IX. CLASS LESSONS.

X. SINGING. XI. BENEDICTION.



XLII.

OCTOBER.

THE PSALM.

O LORD, Thou hast searched me and known me.
Thou knowest my down-sitting, and mine uprising: Thou understandest my thought | afar off.

Thou seest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways.

There is not a word in my tongue, but lo! O Lord, Thou knowest it altogether.

Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid Thy hand upon me.

Such knowledge | is too wonderful for us: it is high; we cannot attain unto it.

Whither shall I go from Thy Spirit?

Or whither shall we flee from Thy presence?

If I ascend up into heaven, Thou art there:

If we make our bed in the under-world, behold, Thou art there.

If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, — even there shall Thy hand lead me, and Thy right hand shall hold me.

If we say, "Surely the darkness shall cover us;" even the night shall be light about us.

Yea, the darkness hideth not from Thee; but the light shineth as the day:

The darkness | and the light | are both alike to Thee.

I will praise Thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made:

Marvellous are Thy works; and that our souls know | right well.

How precious also are Thy thoughts unto me, O God! How great is the sum of them!

If we should count them, they are more in number | than the sand:

When I awake, I am still with Thee.

Search us, O God, and know our hearts: try us, and know our thoughts: and see if there be any wicked way in us, and lead us in the way everlasting.

THE GOSPEL.

The Two Prayers.

JESUS spake this parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: "Two men went up into the temple to pray, — the one a Pharisee, and the other a Publican. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself: 'God, I thank Thee that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. I fast twice a week: I give tithes of all I possess.' And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes to Heaven, but smote upon his

breast, saying, 'GOD be merciful to me a sinner.' I tell you, *this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted*"

PRAYER.

HEAVENLY FATHER, we rejoice that Thou, who understandest our thought, and knowest all things, art loving and gracious. We trust in Thy protecting care, and in Thy wonderful wisdom. We praise Thee for Thy marvellous works, and thank Thee for Thy gracious gifts. We bless Thee for Thy watchful providence, which regards us by day and by night, and smiles upon us, in the darkness as in the light. We confide in Thy kindness, and adore the overflowing Mercy which forgives the sin, and heals the infirmities, of mankind.

Give us Thy Spirit, O Holy ONE, that we may be humble. With hearts full of true thankfulness, may we think rather of what we need, than of what we have done. May we seek Thy help, and Thy mercy for our faults, rather than any praise for our doings. May we remember our weakness and sin, and our shortcoming of duty. Help us to become better, purer, more righteous, and more loving. Be merciful to us, and forgive our sins. Lead us into all goodness. And save us all at last, through CHRIST our Saviour. *Amen.*

[*The Lord's Prayer, in response.*]



XLIII.

OCTOBER.

THE PSALM.

OLORD, deal bountifully with us, that we may keep Thy word.

Open Thou our eyes, that we may behold wondrous things | out of Thy law.

Make us to understand the way of Thy precepts: so shall we talk of Thy wondrous works.

Remove from us the way of lying; and grant us Thy law graciously.

Teach us, O LORD, the way of Thy statutes; that we may keep it unto the end.

Incline our hearts unto Thy testimonies, and not to covetousness.

Thou art our Portion, O LORD: may we keep Thy words.

The earth is full of Thy mercy: teach us Thy statutes.

Thou art good, and doest good: teach me Thy statutes.

The law of Thy mouth | is better unto us | than thousands of gold and silver.

Thy hands have made us and fashioned us:

Give us understanding, that we may learn Thy commandments.

O may I love Thy law!

May it be our meditation all the day.

THE GOSPEL.

The Rich Young Man.

AT a certain time, when JESUS had gone forth into the way, there came one running, who asked him, saying, "Good Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" And JESUS said to him, "Why callest thou me good? None is good, but one, GOD. But if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments." He saith unto him, "Which?" JESUS said, "'Thou shalt do no murder;' 'Thou shalt not commit adultery;' 'Thou shalt not steal;' 'Thou shalt not bear false witness;' 'Honor thy father and thy mother;' and 'Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.'" The young man saith unto him, "Master, all these things have I kept from my youth up: what lack I yet?" Then JESUS beholding him loved him, and said unto him, "One thing thou lackest. If thou wilt be perfect, go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in Heaven, and come, follow me." But when the young man heard that saying, he went away grieved: for he was very rich. And JESUS looked round about, and saith unto his disciples, "How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of Heaven!" And the disciples were astonished at his words. But JESUS answereth again, and saith unto them, "Children, how hard is it for them that trust in riches to enter into the kingdom of GOD! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of GOD." And they were astonished out of measure, saying among themselves, "Who then can be saved?" But JESUS, looking upon them, said, "With men it is impossible, but not with GOD: for with GOD all things are possible."

PRAYER.

WE thank Thee, our heavenly FATHER, for numberless blessings: for all innocent pleasures; for the delights of the mind, and the joys of the soul; for the life and doctrine | of the LORD JESUS CHRIST, and for the hope of brighter glory, and of more abundant joy, in Heaven. We bless Thee | for the privileges of this day, and for the instruction | that comes to us | from the sacred pages of the Gospel. We praise Thee for Thy holy law, and for the conscience | by which we discern right and wrong.

Give us grace, O FATHER, to keep all Thy holy commandments: to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with Thee. Help us to remember the poor, the sorrowful, and the distressed. As all are Thy children, may we be generous and helpful | to those who are in need. May we have kind and pitiful hearts, rejoicing when others enjoy, and sorrowing when others are in trouble. Bless all Thy children, in all lands, and in all ages, through CHRIST the LORD. *Amen.*

[*The Lord's Prayer, in response.*]



XLIV.

OCTOBER.

THE PSALM.

O GOD, Thou art my God: early will I seek Thee:
Our souls thirst for Thee, to see Thy power, and Thy glory.

Because Thy loving-kindness is better than life, my lips shall praise Thee:

Thus will we bless Thee | while we live: we will lift up our hands | in Thy name.

My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness:

Our mouths shall praise Thee | with joyful lips.

Thou art our Help:

Therefore in the shadow of Thy wings | will we rejoice.

My soul cleaveth to Thee:

Thy right hand upholdeth us.

THE GOSPEL.

The Great.

ONCE, when JESUS was on the way to Jerusalem, James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came unto him, saying, "Master, we would that thou shouldst do for us whatsoever we shall desire." And he said unto them, "What would ye that I should do for you?" They said unto him, "Grant unto us that we may sit, the one on thy right hand, and the other on thy left hand, in thy kingdom." But JESUS said unto them, "Ye know not what ye ask. Can ye drink of the cup that I drink of? and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" And they said unto him, "We can." And JESUS said unto them, "Ye shall indeed drink of the cup that I drink of; and with the baptism that I am baptized with shall ye be baptized: but to sit on my right hand and on my left is not mine to give, but it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared of my FATHER."

And when the ten heard it, they were moved with indignation against the two brethren. But JESUS called them unto him and said, "Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and their great ones exercise authority upon them. But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; and whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant. For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many."

PRAYER.

WE bless Thee, O LORD, our heavenly Father, for the loving-kindness | which Thou ever showest us: for the life | which Thou fillest with good; for homes of peace; for dear friends: for privileges of instruction; for the good news of Thy grace: for the profitable lessons of the Gospel; for the word of Thy truth, assuring us | that we have a FATHER, and an eternal home, in Heaven, where all tears shall be wiped away, and pain and death come not | forever.

And, O LORD, take from our hearts | all foolish pride. May we love our fellow-men, and seek to do them good. May we be upright with each other, and pure in heart. May we abhor all sin, and obtain Thy forgiveness. Bless the families to which we belong, and all the families of the earth. May all know, and believe, the love that Thou hast for us all. May the name of JESUS | be precious to us, and love to Thee | rule our hearts perfectly. *Amen.*

[*The Lord's Prayer, in response.*]

XLV.

OCTOBER, OR NOVEMBER.

THE PSALM.

BE merciful unto me, O GOD, be merciful to me; for my soul trusteth in Thee:

Yea, in the shadow of Thy wings | will we make our refuge, until our calamities be overpast.

I will cry unto GOD most high: unto GOD, who performeth all things for me.

He shall send from Heaven, and save us: God shall send forth | His mercy and His truth.

Be Thou exalted, O GOD, above the heavens: Thy glory above all the earth.

Our hearts are fixed, O God; our hearts are fixed: we will sing, and give praise.

For Thy mercy is great unto the heavens, and Thy truth unto the clouds.

Be Thou exalted, O God, above the heavens: Thy glory above all the earth.

THE GOSPEL.

Blind Bartimeus.

AS JESUS went out of Jericho, with his disciples and a great number of people, blind Bartimeus, the son of Timeus, sat by the side of the highway, begging. And hearing the multitude pass by, he asked what it meant. And they told him, "JESUS of Nazareth passeth by." And he began to cry out, saying, "JESUS, Son of David, have mercy on me." And many charged him that he should hold his peace: but he cried the more a great deal, "Son of David, have mercy on me."

And JESUS stood still, and commanded him to be brought unto him. And they call the blind man, saying unto him, "Be of good comfort: rise: he calleth thee." And he, casting away his garment, rose, and came to JESUS. And when he had come near, JESUS asked him, saying, "What wilt thou that I shall do unto thee?" The blind man said unto him, "LORD, that I may

receive my sight!" And JESUS said unto him, "Receive thy sight: thy faith hath saved thee." And immediately he received his sight, and followed him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise unto God.

PRAYER.

A GAIN, O heavenly FATHER, do we lift up our hearts, in adoration and praise. We adore | Thine infinite goodness and mercy. We praise Thee for the love | which protects and saves us: which fills our lives with good, and gives us the hope | of fullness of joy forever. We thank Thee for the life of JESUS, and for all that we know | of his wonderful kindness, and all that he taught us of Thine. We bless Thee that, reading of his pity and his love, we are permitted to know | that Thine is yet greater.

May our faith be like that of the blind man | whom JESUS healed. May we so earnestly desire | the healing of our souls' blindness, that we may seek and find sight | through the word of JESUS. Have mercy on us, FATHER in Heaven, that we may forsake our sins, and learn the way of righteousness, and of love. Forgive our errors and shortcomings, and help us to grow wiser every day. May all future days | be the better for this day. And may we constantly grow | in grace and blessedness. *Amen.*

[*The Lord's Prayer, in response.*]

XLVI.

ALL-SOULS SUNDAY.*

I. SINGING.

II. THE PSALM.

I WILL sing of the mercies of the LORD forever:
With my mouth | will I make known His faithfulness | to all generations.

* The first Sunday in November. The second *day* is All-Souls Day, usually made a day of memorial. We have preferred to devote it to the hope of the final blessedness of all souls.

And the heavens shall praise Thy wonders, O LORD: the congregation of the saints also Thy faithfulness.

For who in the heaven | can be compared unto the Lord? Who among the sons of the mighty | can be likened unto the Lord?

O LORD GOD of hosts, who is a strong LORD like unto Thee?

Thou rulest the raging of the sea: when the waves thereof arise, Thou stillest them.

The heavens are Thine, the earth also is Thine: the world and the fulness thereof, Thou hast founded them.

Justice and judgment | are the habitation of Thy throne: mercy and truth | shall go before Thy face.

Blessed are the people that know the joyful sound: they shall walk, O LORD, in the light of Thy countenance.

In Thy name | shall they rejoice all the day, and in Thy righteousness | shall they be exalted.

III. A HYMN.

IV. FOR A PSALM.

WITH the voice of joy, and the voice of gladness, praise the LORD:

For the Lord is good; for His mercy endureth forever.

Sing, O heavens; and be joyful, O earth; and break forth into singing, O mountains:

For the Lord hath comforted His people, and will have mercy upon his afflicted: the Lord is our Saviour, and our Redeemer.

Have we not all one FATHER? Hath not one GOD created us?

Doubtless Thou, O Lord, art our Father: Thou art our Father — our Redeemer; and we all are the work of Thy hand.

Thou art worthy, O LORD, to receive glory, and honor, and power:

For Thou hast created all things, and for Thy pleasure they are, and were created.

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing.

Blessing, and honor, and glory, and power, be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb forever and ever. Amen.

V. THE GOSPEL.

At Last.

BUT a short time before his death, JESUS said, "Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out. And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me. . . I came not to judge the world, but to save the world."

Isaiah, in the ancient time, declared: "The LORD of Hosts shall make unto all people a feast; and he will destroy the face of the covering cast over all people, and the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death in victory; and the LORD GOD will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of His people shall he take away from off all the earth: for the LORD hath spoken it."

The apostle Paul wrote to the Corinthians: "This corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, 'Death is swallowed up in victory.'"

Paul wrote to the Ephesians: "God hath purposed in himself, that in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in CHRIST, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth."

To the Philippians he wrote: "God also hath highly exalted JESUS, and given him a name which is above every name: that at the name of JESUS every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that JESUS CHRIST is LORD, to the glory of God the FATHER."

The beloved disciple, John, in the isle of Patmos, heard a great voice out of heaven, saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be with them, their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away."

VI. PRAYER.

WE bless Thy Name, our heavenly FATHER, for the hope that is sure and steadfast: the hope that when these bodies die, our souls shall live on forever: the hope that Thy goodness, so great to us in this life, will bless us in the life to come: the hope that, when days and years are past, we all shall meet in Heaven. We look forward, with praise to Thee for Thy fatherly love, to the *time when* Thy purpose shall be fulfilled, and all shall bow to

JESUS, and confess him their LORD; when tears shall be wiped from off all faces, and death, and sorrow, and sin, shall be no more.

Help us to live as we ought: to walk, not in the darkness of sin and sorrow, but in the light of Thy countenance — in the light of holiness and joy. Looking to Thee as our FATHER, may we be Thy loving and obedient children. May we here find the blessing | to which all shall finally come. May we here have such trust in Thee, and in JESUS, that we may accept him as our LORD, to Thy glory. May our souls live | in the Heaven of purity and peace | while we dwell upon the earth. Forgive our sins: lead us in into all truth; and work Thy loving will in us, through CHRIST our LORD. *Amen.*

[*The Lord's Prayer, in response.*]



XLVII.

NOVEMBER.

THE PSALM.

LORD, who shall abide in Thy tabernacle?
Lord, who shall dwell on Thy holy hill?

He that walketh uprightly:

He that worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart.

He that backbiteth not with his tongue:

He that doeth no evil | to his neighbor, nor taketh up a reproach | against his neighbor.

In whose eyes a vile person is contemned:

But he honoreth them that fear the Lord.

He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not:

He that putteth not out his money to usury, nor taketh reward | against the innocent.

He that doeth these things shall never be moved.

Blessed is the man | that feareth the Lord; that delighteth greatly | in His commandments.

Unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness: He is gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous.

Surely a good man shall not be moved | forever: the righteous shall be had | in everlasting remembrance.

THE GOSPEL.

Zaccheus.

AND behold, there was at Jericho a man named Zaccheus, who was the chief among the publicans; and he was rich. And he sought to see JESUS, who he was; and could not for the crowd, because he was little of stature. And he ran before, and climbed up into a sycamore-tree to see him: for he was to pass that way. And when JESUS came to the place, he looked up, and saw him, and said unto him, "Zaccheus, make haste, and come down: for to-day I must abide at thy house." And he made haste, and came down, and received him joyfully. And when they saw it, they all murmured, saying that he was gone to be a guest with a man that is a sinner." And Zaccheus stood, and said unto the LORD, "Behold, LORD, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken anything from any man by false representation, I restore him, fourfold." And JESUS said unto him, "This day is salvation come to this house, forasmuch as he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."

PRAYER.

WE thank Thee, our FATHER in Heaven, for the care and protection | which Thou hast had over us, ever since we had being; for the abundance of Thy gifts; for the air we breathe, the food and the drink Thou hast provided, and all innocent pleasure and joy; for the mercy Thou showest us, notwithstanding our faults. We bless Thee | for all examples of goodness and charity | among mankind; and as so many are lost | in ignorance and in sin, we rejoyce that JESUS came to the world, to seek and to save them all.

And we pray Thee, by Thy truth and love, so clear to us | through the truth and love of JESUS, to save us | from whatever sin remains in our souls. May CHRIST be our Master, and our Guide. May we all love each other, as children of Thy family. May we ever live with Thee, by walking uprightly, working righteousness, and

speaking the truth in our hearts: by faithfulness, and sincerity, and kindness toward all. May we hate sin, and love goodness. And, at last, O LORD, bring us to immortal glories. *Amen.*

[*The Lord's Prayer, in response.*]

XLVIII.

NOVEMBER.

THE PSALM.

O LORD, our LORD, how excellent is Thy name | in all the earth!

Thou hast set Thy glory above the heavens.

Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast Thou ordained strength.

When I consider Thy heavens, the work of Thy fingers, the moon and the stars | which Thou hast ordained, what is man, that Thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that Thou visitest him?

Thou hast made him a little lower than the angels; and hast crowned him with glory and honor.

Thou madest him | to have dominion over the works of Thy hands:

Thou hast put all things under his feet: all sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field, the fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas.

O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is Thy name | in all the earth!

THE GOSPEL.

All live unto God.

A T Jerusalem, there came to Jests certain Sadducees, who say that there is no resurrection; and they asked him, saying, "Master, Moses wrote unto us, 'If a man die without children, his brother shall marry his wife, and raise up children unto his brother.' Now there were with us seven brethren: and the first took a wife, and died without children, and left his

wife unto his brother. And the second took her to wife, and he died childless. And the third took her; and in like manner all the seven: and they left no children, and died. Last of all the woman died also. Therefore, in the resurrection, whose wife shall she be of the seven? for they all had her."

JESUS answered and said unto them, "Ye do err, not knowing the Scriptures, nor the power of GOD. For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage: neither can they die any more; for they are equal unto the angels; and are the children of GOD, being the children of the resurrection.

"Now that the dead are raised, even Moses showed at the bush, when he called the LORD the GOD of Abraham, and the GOD of Isaac, and the GOD of Jacob. For he is not a GOD of the dead, but of the living: for all live unto Him."

Then certain scribes answering, said, "Master, thou hast well said;" and the multitude were astonished at his doctrine.

PRAYER.

WE rejoice, O FATHER, in the Love that made us | but a little lower than the angels, and, raising us from death, will make us like them, when we have done with earthly things. We praise Thee | for Thine excellent loving-kindness, which busies itself so constantly | with our needs. We thank Thee | for all our powers of mind and soul, and for the opportunities of education | we enjoy. And we bless Thee | for the hope of immortal life and of perfect salvation.

May we here learn Thy will, and obey it. Help us all to be angel-like, now. May we keep down evil passions and desires, and all dispositions | contrary to Thy commandment. Fill our souls | with such a thought of Thy love, that we may love Thee as we ought, and live as the children of GOD. Bless all who love us, and those who love us not. Give to each the blessing he needs. May CHRIST'S kingdom be enlarged, until all nations shall flow unto it. Give to all of us | the food convenient for us. And be our GOD forevermore. *Amen.*

[*The Lord's Prayer, in response.*]

XLIX.

THANKSGIVING.

I. SINGING.

II. THE PSALM.

O GIVE thanks unto the LORD, for He is good :
For His mercy endureth forever.

O that men would praise the LORD for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men !

For He satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul | with goodness.

He turneth rivers into a wilderness, and the water-springs into dry ground : a fruitful land into barrenness, for the wickedness of them that dwell therein.

He turneth the wilderness | into a standing water, and dry ground | into water-springs.

And there He maketh the hungry to dwell, that they may prepare a city for habitation ; and sow the fields, and plant vineyards, which may yield fruits of increase.

O that men would praise the Lord | for His goodness, and for His wonderful works | to the children of men !

And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare His works with rejoicing.

Whoso is wise, and will observe the way of the Lord, even he shall understand | the loving-kindness of the Lord.

III. A HYMN.

IV. A PSALM.

PRAISE ye the LORD.

I will praise the Lord | with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, and in the congregation.

The works of the LORD are great, sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.

His work is honorable, and glorious: and His righteousness | endureth forever.

He hath made His wonderful works to be remembered.

The Lord is gracious, and full of compassion.

He hath given food unto them that fear Him: he will ever be mindful of His covenant.

The works of His hands | are verity and judgment: all his commandments | are sure.

They stand fast forever and ever, and are done in truth and uprightness.

He sent redemption | unto His people: He hath commanded His covenant | forever: holy and reverend | is His Name.

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do His commandments.

His praise endureth forever.

V. FOR THE GOSPEL.

Paul at Athens.

WHILE Paul the Apostle waited at Athens, for Silas and Timotheus, for whom he had sent, his spirit was stirred in him, when he saw the city wholly given to idolatry. Therefore disputed he in the synagogue with the Jews, and with the devout persons, and in the market daily with them that met with him. And they took him, and brought him into Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new doctrine, whereof thou speakest, is? For thou bringest certain strange things to our ears: we would know therefore what these things mean."

Then Paul stood in the midst of Mars Hill, and said, "Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye are very devout. For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, 'TO THE UNKNOWN GOD.' Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, Him declare I unto you. God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that He is LORD of Heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; neither is He worshipped with men's hands, as though He needed anything, seeing He giveth to all life, and breath, and all things; and hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation, that they *should seek* the LORD, if haply they might feel after Him, and find Him, though

He be not far from every one of us. For in Him we live, and move, and have our being; as some also of your own poets have said, 'For we are also His offspring.' Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device. And the times of this ignorance God overlooked; but now He commandeth all men everywhere to repent: because He hath appointed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness by that Man whom he hath ordained; whereof He hath given assurance in that He hath raised him from the dead."

VI. PRAYER.

OUR FATHER who art in Heaven, in whom we live, and move, and have our being, we thank Thee for life, and breath, and all things; for the seasons as they roll, with all the blessing they bring; for the fruits of the earth; for the homes in which we live; for our country, and the freedom we enjoy; for the gladness with which Thou fillest our hearts; for the truth and righteousness | preached by JESUS and his apostles; for the nature which Thou gavest us; and for the hope of immortal life, and purity, and peace, finally to be shared | by all Thy children.

May Thy blessing still go with us; may new joys be ours; may new labors obtain their proper reward. May each season be an opportunity of duty, to be done with faithfulness. May Thy Spirit breathe in our homes, and in our country. Bless the President of the United States, and all who have rule. May they be upright and faithful. May peace reign among the nations. May our souls feel after Thee and find Thee, and our lives be such as JESUS, who now judges us all, shall approve. Thine be glory forever. *Amen.*

[*The Lord's Prayer, in response.*]

VII. HYMN.

VIII. ADDRESSES.

IX. LESSONS.

X. SINGING.

XI. BENEDICTION.

L.

DECEMBER.

THE PSALM.

REJOICE in the LORD, O ye righteous: for praise is comely for the upright.

Sing unto Him a new song: for the word of the Lord is right, and all His works | are done in truth.

He loveth justice and equity:

The earth is full | of the goodness of the Lord.

O praise the LORD, all ye nations: praise Him, all ye people.

For His merciful kindness is great toward us; and the truth of the Lord endureth forever.

By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of His mouth.

Let all the earth fear the Lord: let all the inhabitants of the world | stand in awe of Him.

For He spake, and it was done:

He commanded, and it stood fast.

The counsel of the LORD standeth forever, — the thoughts of His heart to all generations.

Blessed is the nation | whose God is the Lord: the people whom He hath chosen | for His own inheritance.

The LORD looketh from heaven:

He beholdeth all the sons of men.

He fashioneth their hearts alike; He considereth all their works.

Behold, the eye of the Lord | is upon them that fear Him, — upon them that hope in His mercy.

Our soul waiteth for the LORD:

He is our Help and our Shield.

For our heart shall rejoice in Him, because we have trusted in His holy name.

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, according as we hope in Thee.

THE GOSPEL.

The Two Commandments.

AND one of the scribes came, and having heard JESUS and the Sadducees reasoning together, and perceiving that he had answered them well, asked him, saying, "Master, which is the great commandment in the law?" And JESUS answered him, "The first of all the commandments is, 'Hear, O Israel, the LORD our GOD is one Lord: and thou shalt love the LORD thy GOD with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength:' this is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, namely this, 'Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself:' there is none other commandment greater than these."

And the scribe said unto him, "Well, Master, thou hast said the truth: for there is one GOD, and there is none other but Him; and to love Him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love his neighbor as himself, is more than all whole burnt-offerings and sacrifices." And when JESUS saw that he answered discreetly, he said unto him, "Thou art not far from the kingdom of God."

PRAYER.

O LORD, our heavenly FATHER, and our bountiful Friend, we thank Thee | for filling the earth with Thy goodness, and giving us so many blessings | richly to enjoy. We rejoice in Thy justice and Thy mercy, and in the fear of Thee, which is also our sure hope. We praise the Power that made the worlds, the Wisdom that ordained the law of nature, the Love that made us Thy children. We bless Thee for the word | which nourishes and comforts our souls, and makes us glad in Thee.

Give us Thy Holy Spirit. As Thou lovest us so patiently, and constantly, and generously, may we love Thee with all our hearts, and minds, and souls. As Thou lovest all mankind, may we love our neighbors as ourselves. May we always hold Thee dear as our FATHER, and all mankind as Thy family, equally dear to Thee with ourselves. May we hate every evil way, and love that of truth and righteousness. Bless us all day by day. Forgive us our sins, and at last bring us all to Heaven and to Thee. *Amen.*

[*The Lord's Prayer, in response.*]

LI.

DECEMBER.

THE PSALM.

MAKE a joyful noise unto GOD, all ye lands :
Sing forth the honor of His name :

Make His praise glorious.

All the earth shall worship Thee, and shall sing to Thy name.

Come and see the works of GOD : He ruleth by His power forever ;
 His eyes behold the nations :

Let not the rebellious exalt themselves.

O bless our GOD, ye people, and make the voice of His praise to
 be heard.

He holdeth our soul in life, and suffereth not our feet to be moved.

Come and hear, all ye that fear GOD, and I will declare what He
 hath done for my soul.

*Verily, God hath heard us : He hath attended to the voice of our
 prayer.*

Blessed be GOD, who hath not turned away our prayer, nor His
 mercy from us.

The blessing of the Lord be upon us, even life for evermore.

THE GOSPEL.

The Mite — The Ointment.

AND as JESUS sat in the temple, opposite to the treasury, he looked up and
 beheld how the people cast money into the treasury. And many that were
 rich cast in much. And there came a certain poor widow, and she threw in
 two mites, which make a farthing. And he called his disciples unto him, and
 saith unto them, "Verily, I say unto you, that this poor widow hath cast in
 more than they all. For all these have of their abundance cast in unto the
 offerings to GOD : but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all
 her living."

Afterward, in Bethany, a few miles from Jerusalem, JESUS was in the house

of Simon the leper, where they made him a supper. And there came a woman having an alabaster box of very precious ointment; and she brake the box, and poured it on his head. And she anointed the feet of JESUS, and wiped them with her hair; and the house was filled with the odor of the ointment. And there were some that had indignation within themselves, saying, "To what purpose is this waste? For this ointment might have been sold for much, and given to the poor." Then said JESUS, "Why trouble ye the woman? Let her alone: for she hath wrought a good work upon me. For ye have the poor always with you, and whensoever ye will, ye may do them good, but me ye have not always. She hath done what she could: she has come beforehand to anoint my body for my burial."

PRAYER.

WE rejoice, O FATHER in Heaven, in the love which sent JESUS to the world, to teach us how to live, to show us the way of truth, and to lead us into all goodness. We thank Thee | that we may lift up our hearts to Thee, with awe, and love, and joy. We bless Thee | that Thou hearest our prayers, and givest them answer | according to Thy wisdom. We praise Thee for faith, and hope, and spiritual peace. We worship Thee | for the glory of Thy power, and Thine almighty goodness.

Give us hearts of love and gratitude toward Thee, and toward JESUS CHRIST, whom Thou didst send. Though many refuse to be guided by him, may we make him our Master, and obey and follow him. Give us generous hearts. May we be ready to give, according to our wealth | or our poverty, for all good purposes: for worship, or for friendship, or for charity. May we love our fellow-men, and be truthful and upright with them. Bless the world, we pray, through JESUS CHRIST our LORD. *Amen.*

[*The Lord's Prayer, in response.*]

LII.

DECEMBER.

THE PSALM.

O SING unto the LORD a new song ;
For He hath done marvellous things :
 His right hand, and His holy arm, hath gotten Him the victory.
The Lord hath made known His salvation :
 His righteousness hath He openly showed in the sight of the nations.

He hath remembered | His mercy and His truth : all the ends of the earth | have seen the salvation of our God.

Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all the earth :

Make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise.

Sing unto the LORD with the harp : with the harp, and the voice of a psalm.

With trumpets and sound of cornet, make a joyful noise | before the Lord, the King.

Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof ; the world, and they that dwell therein.

Let the floods clap their hands : let the hills be joyful together | before the Lord :

For He cometh to judge the earth :

With righteousness | shall He judge the world, and the people | with equity.

THE GOSPEL.

The Last Supper.

THE day before JESUS was crucified was the first day of the feast of unleavened bread, when the passover must be killed. And his disciples made ready the passover. [It was the celebration of the time long before, when the Jews were saved out of Egypt, where they had been held in bondage.] And when the even was come, he sat down, and the twelve apostles with him.

While they were conversing, JESUS said, "Little children, yet a little while I am with you. A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another: as I have loved you, that ye also love one another."

And as they were eating, the LORD JESUS took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave to the disciples, saying, "Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me."

Likewise also after supper he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of it, for this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. This do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me." And they all drank of it.

And when they had sung a hymn, they went out unto the mount of Olives.

PRAYER.

OUR FATHER, who art in Heaven, we thank Thee for the love of JESUS CHRIST, and for the Gospel, which brings us the story of that love. We thank Thee for the church of CHRIST, which, for so many centuries, has been teaching the world | of truth and holiness. We thank Thee for Christian ministers, and Christian congregations, and Christian Sabbaths, with all their lessons of good. We bless Thee for Thy Holy Spirit; for Thy truth and grace, feeding the soul | with the bread of heaven, and refreshing it | with the water of spiritual life.

And we pray Thee, that though JESUS long since passed away from the earth, we may commune with his spirit to-day. May we delight to think of him, to remember his goodness, and to love him | for all his kindness and pity, and for the wonderful work | he does for us all. May we be saved | from all our ignorance, and fear, and sinfulness. May we love one another, as he loved us: may we love Thee, as Thou lovest us. Wilt Thou bless us | with hearts of faithfulness. Forgive us our sins, and finally save the world, through CHRIST our LORD. *Amen.*

[*The Lord's Prayer, in response.*]

LIII.

CHRISTMAS.

I. A CHRISTMAS CAROL, OR OTHER SONG OF JOY.

II. THE PSALM.

O SING unto the LORD a new song :
Sing unto the Lord, all the earth.

Sing unto the LORD ; bless His name :

Show forth His salvation | from day to day.

Declare His glory among the nations : His wonders among all people.

For the Lord is great, and greatly to be praised : the Lord made the heavens.

Honor and majesty are before Him : strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.

Give unto the Lord, O ye kindreds of the people, give unto the Lord | glory and strength.

Give unto the LORD the glory due unto His name : bring an offering, and come into His courts.

O worship the Lord | in the beauty of holiness : fear before Him, all the earth.

Say among the nations that the LORD reigneth :

The world also shall be established, that it shall not be moved :

He shall judge the people righteously.

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad :

Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof.

Let the field be joyful, and all that is therein : then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice | before the Lord :

For He cometh, for He cometh to judge the earth :

He shall judge the world | with righteousness, and the people | with His truth.

III. SINGING.

IV. FOR A PSALM.

BEHOLD the Servant of the LORD, whom He upholdeth: His chosen, in whom He delighteth:

The Lord hath put His Spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment | to the nations.

A bruised reed shall he not break;

The smoking flax | shall he not quench:

He shall bring forth judgment unto truth.

He shall not fail | nor be discouraged, till he have set judgment | in the earth:

The isles shall wait for his law.

The people that walked in darkness | have seen a great light:

They that dwell in the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.

The true Light | lighteth every man | that cometh into the world.

The Spirit of the LORD rested upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD.

The Lord anointed him | to preach good tidings unto the meek:

He sent him to heal the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, to proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD.

And the earth shall be full | of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.

Sing unto the LORD a new song, and His praise from the end of the earth.

Give glory unto the Lord, and declare His praise forevermore.

. THE GOSPEL.

The Song of the Angels.

JESUS was born in Bethlehem of Judea. And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flocks by night. And lo, the angel of the LORD came upon them, and the glory of the LORD shone around about them; and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, "Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day, in the city of

David, a Saviour, which is CHRIST the LORD." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God, and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good-will toward men."

VI. PRAYER.

WE rejoice, O gracious FATHER, in the light from Heaven, which came to the world | through our LORD JESUS CHRIST. We thank Thee | for the spirit of wisdom | which was in him ; for his kindness and mercy ; for the wonderful works he did, and the gracious words he spoke. We rejoice | that he was the Friend of children, and of mankind ; that he blessed babes ; comforted the sad ; made the blind see, the deaf hear, and the mute speak ; and healed diseased minds. We give glory to Thee, for what, in the long ages, he has done for human souls.

May we love and obey him. May he make us see all Thy goodness. May his word make us wise unto salvation. May we listen | to the glad tidings of Thy grace, which he constantly preaches to us. May we give glory to God in the highest, not by words alone, but by lives of goodness. May all souls be blessed | in the gospel of CHRIST. May the earth be full | of the knowledge of the LORD, and therefore be full | of joy and gladness. May we hate all sin, and love all righteousness and truth. Forgive and save us, through CHRIST the LORD. *Amen.*

VII. A HYMN.

VIII. ADDRESSES.

IX. LESSONS.

X. SINGING.

XI. BENEDICTION.



LIV.

OLD-YEAR SUNDAY.

THE PSALM.

MY days, O LORD, are like a shadow that declineth, and I am withered like grass.

But Thou shalt endure | forever; and Thy remembrance | unto all generations.

Of old hast Thou laid the foundation of the earth : and the heavens are the work of Thy hands.

They shall perish, but Thou shalt endure :

Yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment ; as a vesture shalt Thou change them, and they shall be changed :

But Thou art the same, and Thy years shall have no end.

O give thanks unto the LORD ; for He is good :

For His mercy endureth forever.

O give thanks unto the LORD of lords :

For His mercy endureth forever.

To Him who alone doeth great wonders :

For His mercy endureth forever.

To Him who by wisdom made the heavens :

For His mercy endureth forever.

To Him who stretched out the earth above the waters :

For His mercy endureth forever.

To Him who made the great lights :

For His mercy endureth forever.

To Him who remembered us in our low estate :

For His mercy endureth forever.

To Him who hath redeemed us from our enemies :

For His mercy endureth forever.

To Him who giveth food to all flesh :

For His mercy endureth forever.

O give thanks unto the GOD of Heaven :

For His mercy endureth forever.

THE GOSPEL.

The Ascension of Christ.

THE same day on which Jesus had risen from the dead, at evening, he appeared unto the eleven, as they sat at meat, saying, "Peace be unto you." But they were terrified and affrighted, and supposed that they had seen a spirit. But Jesus showed them by his hands and his feet that it was he. Then were the disciples glad. And he said unto them, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature."

Afterward Jesus showed himself to the disciples at the sea of Tiberias; and he said unto Simon Peter, "Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these?" He saith unto him, "Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee." Jesus saith unto him, "Feed my lambs." He saith to him again the second time, "Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me?" He saith unto him, "Yea, Lord: thou knowest that I love thee." Jesus saith unto him, "Feed my sheep." He saith unto him the third time, "Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me?" Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, "Lovest thou me?" and he said unto him, "Lord, thou knowest all things: thou knowest that I love thee." Jesus saith unto him, "Feed my sheep."

After that he was with the disciples at Jerusalem; and he led them out as far as to Bethany: and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them. And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into Heaven.

PRAYER.

O LORD, our heavenly FATHER, whose goodness | is over all Thy creatures, we thank Thee | for all the comfort and joy | of the year now closing. We rejoice that Thy years have no end; but that Thou reignest forevermore, the same almighty, all-wise, and all-loving GOD. We bless Thee | that we have been taught of Thee, through JESUS CHRIST. And as the days and months and years pass on, we rejoice in the hope | of a never-fading Heaven.

Make us feel Thy great love to us, and our need of Thy blessing. Help us to trust in Thee, and love Thee, and obey Thee. May we serve Thee, by serving our fellow-men. Make the coming year happy, by giving us a right spirit. Help us to be upright, and honest, and truthful. Help us to be forgiving and kind. Destroy all evil pride and vanity. Feed us with the word of CHRIST, whose sheep and lambs we are. Forgive our sins, and receive us all to heavenly glory. *Amen.*

[*The Lord's Prayer, in response.*]

BENEDICTIONS AND ASCRIPTIONS.

I.

THE grace of our Lord JESUS CHRIST, and the love of GOD, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with us all. *Amen.*

II.

THE LORD bless us, and keep us: The LORD make His face shine upon us, and be gracious unto us: The LORD lift up His countenance upon us, and give us peace. *Amen.*

III.

Now the GOD of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, that we may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

IV.

THE peace of GOD, which passeth all understanding, keep our hearts and minds through CHRIST JESUS. *Amen.*

V.

GRACE, mercy, and peace, from GOD the FATHER, and the Lord JESUS CHRIST our Saviour, be unto us all forever. *Amen.*

VI.

Now the GOD of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord JESUS, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make us perfect in every good work to do His will, working in us that which is well-pleasing in His sight, through JESUS CHRIST: to whom be glory forever and ever. *Amen.*

VII.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honor and glory forever and ever. *Amen.*

VIII.

Now unto Him who is able to keep us from falling, and to present us faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, — to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory, and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. *Amen.*

IX.

BLESSING, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honor, and power, and might, be unto our God forever and ever. *Amen.*

THE COMMANDMENTS.

God spake these words and said: —

I.

I am the LORD thy God: thou shalt have none other gods but Me.

Incline our hearts, O Lord, to keep this law.

II.

Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the waters under the earth: thou shalt not bow down to them nor worship them.

Incline our hearts, O Lord, to keep this law.

III.

Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy GOD in vain.
Incline our hearts, O Lord, to keep this law.

IV.

Remember the Sabbath-Day to keep it holy.
Incline our hearts, O Lord, to keep this law.

V.

Honor thy father and thy mother.
Incline our hearts, O Lord, to keep this law.

VI.

Thou shalt not kill.
Incline our hearts, O Lord, to keep this law.

VII.

Thou shalt not commit adultery.
Incline our hearts, O Lord, to keep this law.

VIII.

Thou shalt not steal.
Incline our hearts, O Lord, to keep this law.

IX.

Thou shalt not bear false witness.
Incline our hearts, O Lord, to keep this law.

X.

Thou shalt not covet anything that is thy neighbor's.
Write all thy laws in our hearts, O Lord, we beseech Thee.

PROFESSION OF BELIEF.

ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL CONVENTION OF UNIVERSALISTS, AT WINCHESTER, N. H., SEPTEMBER, 1803.

I.

WE believe that the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments contain a revelation of the character of God, and of the duty, interest, and final destination of mankind.

II.

We believe that there is one God, whose nature is love, revealed in one Lord JESUS CHRIST, by one Holy Spirit of grace, who will finally restore the whole family of mankind to holiness and happiness.

III.

We believe that holiness and true happiness are inseparably connected; and that believers ought to maintain order, and practise good works: for these things are good and profitable unto men.

HOME PRAYERS.

MORNING.

FATHER in Heaven, I thank Thee for the rest of the night, and the light of the day. Help me to do what I ought, and keep me in peace, through CHRIST the Saviour. *Amen.*

MORNING.

O God! I thank thee that the night
In peace and rest hath passed away;
And that I see, in this fair light,
My Father's smile, which makes it day.

Be Thou my Guide, and let me live
As under Thine all-seeing eye;
Supply my wants, my sins forgive,
And draw me to Thyself on high.

MORNING.

Bless me, O Heavenly FATHER, during this day. Make me true, and faithful, and patient. Bless those who love me, and all people everywhere; and make me a Christian child. *Amen.*

EVENING.

Now I lay me down to sleep,
I pray the LORD my soul to keep;
If I should die before I wake,
I pray the LORD my soul to take.

EVENING.

I WILL lay me down in peace, and sleep : for Thou, LORD, only makest me to dwell in safety. Keep me as the apple of the eye. Let me awake in Thy likeness. *Amen.*

EVENING.

ANOTHER day its course hath run,
 And still, O GOD! Thy child is blest;
 For Thou hast been by day my Sun,
 And Thou wilt be by night my Rest.

Sweet sleep descends, mine eyes to close;
 And now, when all the world is still,
 I give my body to repose,
 My spirit to my FATHER'S will.

MORNING OR EVENING.

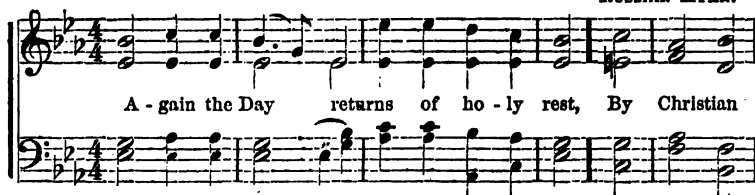
OUR FATHER in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, in earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. *Amen.*

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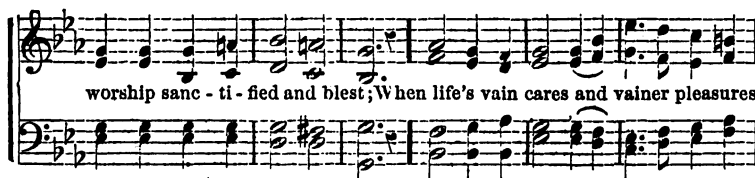


1.—THE DAY OF REST.

RUSSIAN HYMN.



A - gain the Day returns of ho - ly rest, By Christian



worship sanc - ti - fied and blest; When life's vain cares and vainer pleasures



cease, And all is pi - c - ty, and all is peace.

Let us devote this consecrated day
To learn God's will, and, as we learn, obey;
So shall He hear, when fervently we raise
Our supplications, and our songs of praise.

FATHER in Heaven! in whom our hearts confide,
Whose power defends us, and whose precepts guide;
In life our Guardian, and in death our Friend:
Glory supreme be Thine, till time shall end!

2.—THE NEW YEAR.

UXBRIDGE.

Great God, we sing that mighty Hand, By which, supported still, we stand :

The open-ing year Thy mer-cy shows; Let mer-cy crown it till it close.

With grateful hearts the past we own;
The future, all to us unknown,
We to Thy guardian care commit,
And peaceful leave before Thy feet.

In scenes exalted or depressed,
Be Thou our joy, and Thou our rest;
Thy goodness all our hopes shall raise,
Adored thro' all our changing days.

3.—Exaltation.

Be Thou, O God, exalted high;
And as Thy glory fills the sky,
So let it be on earth displayed,
Till Thou art here, as there, obeyed.

O God, our hearts are fixed and bent
Their thankful tribute to present;
And, with the heart, the voice we'll
raise
To Thee, our God, in songs of praise.

Thy praises, LORD, we will resound
To all the listening nations round;
Thy mercy highest heaven tran-
scends;

Thy truth beyond the clouds extends.

Be Thou, O God, exalted high;
And as Thy glory fills the sky,
So let it be on earth displayed,
Till Thou art here, as there, obeyed.

4.—Loud Anthems.

O come, loud anthems let us sing,
Loud thanks to our Almighty King;
For we our voices high should raise,
When our salvation's Rock we praise.

Into His presence let us haste,
To thank Him for His favors past:

To Him address, in joyful songs,
The praise that to His name belongs.

O, let us to His courts repair,
And bow with adoration there;
With joy and fear devoutly all
Before the LORD, our Maker, fall!

5.—The Gracious Ear.

God is so good that He will hear
When'er His children humbly
pray;
He always lends a gracious ear
To what the feeblest one can say.

He loves to hear a grateful tongue
Thank Him for all His mercies giv'n;
And when on earth His praise is sung,
The cheerful notes are heard in
Heaven.

6.—OUR NATIVE LAND.

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COLUMBIA.

Be - fore all lands, in east or west, I love my na - tive

land the best; With God's best gifts 'tis teeming: And when I look with
And see no king or

pride abroad, It seems but rapture's dreaming, It seems but rapture's dreaming.
ty-rant lord,

O, lift exulting songs of praise!
Repeat the glory of those days
Of grand and noble daring,
When our bold sires, with hope in God,
Amid the wintry forest trod,
|: The seed of greatness bearing. :|

To all the world I give my hand,
My heart I give my native land:
I seek her good, her glory;
I honor every nation's name,
Respect their fortune and their fame,
|: But I love the land that bore me. :|

7.—The Best Faith.

There's not a faith that's taught by
man,
That treateth of salvation's plan,
That hath one half the glory,
Of that which brings our God to view,
As loving me and loving you,
|: And never ends the story. :|

It tells us of His Father-care,
And bids us never to despair,
Though sin is widely reigning;

For in His time all hearts shall know
Whence life and all its blessings flow,
|: And they will love unfeigning. :|

O, may our hearts learn more to
heed
How we may love our God indeed,
And be forever praising;
The humblest deed of duty done,
Our God will look with smiles upon,
|: More than on songs upraising. :|

8.—BLESSING IMploRED.

DEVOTION.

FATHER in Heaven! Thy ceaseless love Has brought us to this holy day; Blest

END.

with Thy kindness from a-bove, Another week has passed a-way. Grant
may we from Thy love de-part, Ne'er may we leave Thy heavenly way

us, O LORD, a grateful heart To feel Thy kind-ness and o-bey; Ne'er

Grant us this day a willing mind
To learn what Thou w'dst have us do,
And how we may Thy favor find,
And love and serve each other too.

Thy happy children may we live,
Thy happy children may we die;
To all may God, our Father, give
A Home of peace above the sky!

9.—Gospol Glories.

Now to the LORD a noble song!
Awake, my soul, awake, my tongue;
Hosanna to the Eternal Name,
And all His boundless love proclaim.
The spacious earth and spreading flood
Proclaim the wise, the powerful GOD;
And Thy rich glories from afar
Sparkle in every rolling star.

But in the Gospel of Thy Son
Are all Thy mightiest works outdone;
The light it pours upon our eyes
Outshines the wonders of the skies;
Our spirits kindle in its beam;
It is a sweet, a glorious theme;
Ye angels, dwell upon the sound;
Ye heavens, reflect it to the ground.

10.—Loving Kindness.

Awake, my soul to joyful lays,
 And sing the great Redeemer's praise;
 He justly claims a song from me;
 His loving kindness, O, how free!
 Though numerous hosts of mighty
 foes,
 Though earth and sin my way oppose,
 He safely leads my soul along;
 His loving kindness, O, how strong!

Soon shall I pass the gloomy vale;
 Soon all my mortal powers must
 fail:

O, may my last expiring breath
 His loving kindness sing in death!
 Then let me mount and soar away
 To the bright world of endless day;
 And sing, with rapture and surprise,
 His loving kindness in the skies!

11.—The Sacred Word.

Thy presence, gracious God, afford;
 Prepare us to receive Thy word;
 Now let Thy voice engage our ear,
 And faith be mixed with what we hear.
 Distracting tho'ts and cares remove,
 And fix our hearts and hopes above;
 With food divine may we be fed,
 And satisfied with living bread.

To us the sacred word apply
 With sovereign power and energy;
 And may we, in Thy faith and fear,
 Reduce to practice what we hear.
 FATHER, in us Thy Son reveal;
 Teach us to know and do Thy will;
 Thy saving power and love display,
 And guide us to the realms of day.

12.—The Fountain of Love.

O, render thanks to GOD above,
 The Fountain of eternal love;
 Whose mercy firm through ages past
 Has stood, and shall forever last.
 Who can His mighty deeds express?—
 Not only vast, but numberless:
 What mortal eloquence can raise
 His tribute of immortal praise?

Happy are they, and only they,
 Who from His judgments never stray;
 Who know the right, nor only so,
 But always practise what they know.
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 The Fountain of eternal love;
 Whose mercy firm through ages past
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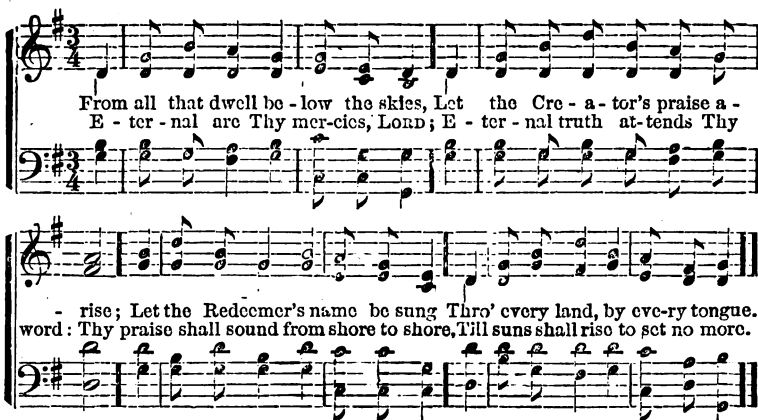
13.—The Gospel.

Thy Gospel, LORD, is peace and love:
 So let our conversation be;
 The serpent blended with the dove,—
 Wisdom and meek simplicity.
 Whene'er the angry passions rise,
 And tempt our thoughts or tongues
 to strife,
 On JESUS let us fix our eyes,
 Bright pattern of the Christian life!

O, how benevolent and kind!
 How mild! how ready to forgive!
 Be this the temper of our mind,
 And his the rules by which we
 live.
 Dispensing good where'er he came,
 The labors of his life were love;
 If, then, we love our Saviour's name
 Thus let us our relation prove.

14.—UNIVERSAL PRAISE.

METCALF.



From all that dwell be-low the skles, Let the Cre-a-tor's praise a -
E - ter - nal are Thy mer-cies, LORD; E - ter - nal truth at-tends Thy

- rise; Let the Redecmer's name be sung Thro' every land, by eve-ry tongue.
word: Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore, Till suns shall rise to set no more.

15.—A Holy Spell.

When in our hearts rise angry tho'ts,
And on our tongues are words unkind,
With what strong chains, by what
blest art,
Shall we our raging passions bind?
O meek and peaceful JESUS! then
To thee, to thee our souls shall turn;

We will look up from earth and men;
To copy thee our souls shall learn.

A holy spell thy name shall be,
The memory of thy peaceful life;
And we will straightway think of
thee,
Whene'er our souls would rise in strife.

16.—Sacred Teacher.

How sweetly flow'd the gospel's sound
From lips of gentleness and grace,
When listening thousands gathered
round,
And joy and rev'rence fill'd the place!
From Heaven he came; of Heaven
he spoke;
To Heaven he led his followers'
way;

Dark clouds of gloomy night he broke,
Unveiling an immortal day.

“Come, wanderers, to my Father's
Home;
Come, all ye weary ones, and rest!”
Yes, sacred Teacher, — we will
come,
Obey thee, love thee, and be
blest!

17.—A Delightful Thought.

FATHER and Friend, Thy light, Thy
love,
Beaming through all Thy works we
see;
Thy glory gilds the heavens above,
And all the earth is full of
Thee.

We know not in what hallowed part
Of the wide heavens Thy throne
may be;

But this we know,— that where Thou
art,
Strength, wisdom, goodness, dwell
with Thee.

Thy children shall not faint nor fear,
Sustained by this delightful
thought, —
Since Thou, their GOD, art every-
where,
They cannot be where Thou art not.

8.—Christ's Kingdom.

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does his successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to
shore,

Till moons shall wax & wane no more.
People and realms of every tongue
Dwell on his love with sweetest song,
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns;
The joyful prisoner bursts his
chains;
The weary find eternal rest,
And all the sons of want are blessed.
Let every creature rise and bring,
Peculiar honors to our King:
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud Amen.

19.—Love.

O God, my Father and my King,
Of all I have, or hope, the Spring!
Send down Thy Spirit from above,
And fill my heart with heavenly love.
And let my neighbor's prosperous
state
A mutual joy in me create;
His virtuous triumph let me join;
His peace and happiness be mine.

And though my neighbor's hate I
prove,
Still let me vanquish hate with love!
And every secret wish suppress,
That would abridge his happiness.
Let love through all my conduct shine,
An image fair, though faint, of Thine!
Thus let me his disciple prove,
Who came to manifest Thy love.

20.—Another Sabbath.

Another Sabbath-day we see,
Another day, our God, for Thee;
To Thee may we devote our powers,
And all these bright and happy hours.

Another Sabbath-day we see:
Now let us bow in prayer to Thee,

And thank Thee for its hallowed rest,
While thus by prayer the day is blest.
Another Sabbath-day we see,
And all its duties point to Thee;
May all our tho'ts and actions prove
Our reverence, gratitude, and love.

21.—A Summer Day.

The clear blue sky looks full of love:
Let all our selfish passions cease;
O, let us lift our thoughts above,
Where all is brightness, goodness,
peace!

If we have done another wrong,
O, let us seek to be forgiven!
Nor let one discord spoil the song
Our hearts would raise this day to
Heaven.

This blessed day, when the pure air
Is full of sweetness, full of joy,
When all around is calm and fair,
Shall we the harmony destroy?
O, may it be our earnest care
To free our souls from every sin!
Then will each day be bright and
fair,
For God's pure sunshine dwells
within.

22.—THE ALL-SEEING EYE.

ZEUNER.

(A-mong the deepest shades of night, Can there be One who sees my way ?

(Yes! God is like the shining light, That turns the darkness into day.

(When every eye around me sleeps,
May I not sin without control?
No! for a constant watch He keeps
On every thought of every soul.

(If I could find some place unknown,
Where human feet had never trod,

Yet there I could not be alone;
On every side there would be God.

If, then, the Lord is always near,
I'll think of Him in all I do;
And, O, how much I ought to fear,
Since He both sees and loves me too!

23.—The Bread of Life.

(O, sweet as heavenly music, broke
The Gospel from the Saviour's
tongue!

New joys, new hopes, that voice
awoke

In those who on its accents hung.

Pardon and peace from Heaven he
brought;

His message was to broken hearts:
The lost and sorrowing Jesus sought,
In lonely wilds and crowded marts.

Enough for him that sorrow plead,
That stricken hearts his aid be-
spoke;

He never gave a stone for bread,
He ne'er the bruised spirit broke.

In JESUS men a copy saw
Of what GOD is — what they should
be;

O GOD, may such example draw
Our willing souls to CHRIST and
Thee!

24.—The Two Commandments.

Thus saith the first, the great com-
mand:

“Let all thy inward powers unite
To love thy Maker and thy God
With utmost vigor and delight.

“Then shall thy neighbor next in
place
Share thine affections and esteem;

And let thy kindness to thyself
Measure and rule thy love to
him.”

But, O how base our passions are!
How cold our charity and zeal!
LORD, fill our souls with heavenly
fire,
Or we shall ne'er perform Thy will.

25.—The Stream of Truth.

There is a stream whose gentle
flow
Supplies the city of our God, —
Life, love and joy still gliding through,
And watering our divine abode.

That sacred stream, Thy holy Word, —
That all our raging fear controls;
Sweet peace Thy promises afford,
And give new strength to fainting
souls.

26.—Loud Acclaim.

We come! we come! with loud ac-
claim
To sing the praise of JESUS' name,
And make the vaulted temple ring
With loud hosannas to our King,
With joyful heart and smiling face,
We gather round the throne of grace,
And lowly bend to offer there,
From feeble lips our humble prayer.

And let us all, with heart and voice,
To GOD our Father sing and pray;
In His unceasing love rejoice,
And thank Him for this happy day.
O! thus may we, in Heaven above,
Unite in praises and in love;
And still the angels fill their home
With joyful cry, "They come! they
come!"

27.—The Mercy-seat.

From every stormy wind that
blows,
From every swelling tide of woes,
There is a calm, a sure retreat:
'Tis found before the Mercy-seat.
There is a place where JESUS sheds
The oil of gladness on our heads, —
A place of all on earth most sweet;
It is the heavenly Mercy-seat.

There is a scene where spirits blend,
And friend holds fellowship with friend;
Tho' sundered far, by faith they meet
Around one common Mercy-seat.
There, there on eagle wings we soar,
And sin and sense molest no more;
And Heaven comes down our souls to
greet,
And glory crowns the Mercy-seat.

28.—The Seasons.

Eternal Source of every joy!
Well may Thy praise our lips employ,
While in Thy temple we appear,
To hail Thee Sovereign of the year.

The flowery spring, at Thy command,
Perfumes the air and paints the land;
The summer suns with vigor shine,
To raise the corn and cheer the
vine.

Thy hand, in autumn, richly pours
Thro' all our coats redundant stores;
And winters, softened by Thy care,
No more the face of horror wear.

Seasons, and months, and weeks, and
days
Demand successive songs of praise;
And be the grateful homage paid
With morning light and evening shade.

29.—OUR SHEPHERD.

PORTUGUESE HYMN.

The LORD is our Shepherd, our Guardian and Guide; Whatev- er we

want He will kind-ly pro- vide; His care and pro- tec- tion His

flock will sur- round; To them will His mer- cies, To them will His

mer- cies, To them will His mer- cies for- ev- er a- bound.

The LORD is our Shepherd, what, then,
shall we fear?
Shall dangers affright us while help is
so near?
O, no: when Hé calls us we'll walk
through the vale,
The shadow of death, but our hearts
shall not fail.

Afraid, of ourselves, to pursue the
dark way,
Thy rod and Thy staff be our comfort
and stay:
We know, by Thy guidance, when
once it is past,
To life and to glory it brings us at
last.

30.—The Lord's Prayer.

Our FATHER in Heaven, we hallow
Thy name!
May Thy kingdom holy on earth be
the same!
O, give to us daily our portion of
bread;
It is from Thy bounty that all must
be fed.

Forgive our transgressions, and teach
us to know
That humble compassion which pardons
each foe:
Keep us from temptation, from weak-
ness and sin,
And Thine be the glory forever:
Amen.

31.—Glad Voices.

O, praise ye the LORD! prepare your
glad voice
His praise in the great assembly to
sing:
In their great Creator let all men re-
joice,
And heirs of salvation be glad in
their King.
Let them His great name devoutly
adore:
In loud swelling strains His praises
express,
Who graciously opens His bountiful
store,
Their wants to relieve, and His
children to bless.

Ye angels above His glories who've
sung,
In loftiest notes now publish His
praise;
We mortals, delighted, would borrow
your tongue,
Would join in your numbers, and
chant to your lays.

Then praise ye the LORD: prepare a
glad song,
And let all his saints in full chorus
join;
With voices united the anthem pro-
long
And show forth his praises with
music divine.

32.—Trustfulness.

Approach not the altar with gloom in
thy soul,
Nor let thy feet falter from terror's
control:
God loves not the sadness of fear and
mistrust;
O, serve Him with gladness—the
Gracious, the Just.
His bounty is tender, his being is
love;
His smile fills with splendor the blue
arch above;

Confiding, — believing, — O, enter al-
ways
His courts with thanksgiving, his por-
tals with praise!
Nor come to His temple with pride in
thy mien,
But lowly and simple, in courage
serene;
Bring meekly before Him the faith
of a child;
Bow down and adore Him with heart
undefiled.

33.—WHAT NEVER DIES.

HUTCHINSON.

Bright things can nev - er die, E'en though they fade;

Beauty and minstrelsy Deathless were made. What though the summer day

Passes at eve a - way? Doth not the moon's soft ray Silver the night?

Childhood can never die;
 Wrecks of the past
 Float o'er the memory,
 Bright to the last.
 Many a happy thing,
 Many a daisy spring,
 Float o'er time's ceaseless wing,
 Far, far away.

Kind words can never die;
 Cherished and blest,
 God knows how deep they lie
 Stored in the breast;
 Like childhood's simple rhymes,
 Said o'er a thousand times,
 And in all years and climes
 Distant and near.

34.—The Soul Immortal.

Sweet thoughts can never die,
 Though, like the flowers,
 Their brightest hues may fly
 In wintry hours.
 But when the gentle dew
 Gives them their charms anew,
 With many an added hue
 They bloom again.

Our souls can never die,
 Though in the tomb
 We may all have to lie,
 Wrapt in its gloom.
 What though the flesh decay?
 Souls pass in peace away,
 Live through eternal Day,
 With God above.

35.—HYMN TO THE SAVIOUR.

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BETHANY.

SAVIOUR! our hearts we bring, Thee to ex-tol;... And thy great Tru-ly con-

love we sing, Saviour of all! Humble our hymn may be, But thou our hearts canst see, fess-ing thee, Saviour of all.

Blessings we hear thee breathe,
Thou Spirit Dove!
Garlands we see thee wreath,
In worlds above.

When life with us is o'er,
Gratefully we'll adore,
And laud for evermore,
Thy saving love!

36.—Communion with God.

Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer to Thee:
E'en though it be a cross
That raiseth me,
Still all my song shall be,
||: Nearer, my God, to Thee, :||
Nearer to Thee.

Though like a wanderer,
The sun gone down,
Darkness be over me,
My rest a stone,

Yet in my dreams I'd be
||: Nearer, my God, to Thee, :||
Nearer to Thee.

There let the way appear
Steps unto Heaven;
All that Thou sendest me
In mercy given,
Angels to beckon me
Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer to Thee

37.—Heaven our Home.

We are but travellers here,
Heaven is our Home;
Earth's oft a desert drear,
Heaven is our Home.
Danger and sorrow stand,
Round us on every hand;
Heaven is our Fatherland,
Heaven is our Home.

What though the tempest rage?
Heaven is our Home;
Short is our pilgrimage;
Heaven is our Home.

Time's cold and wintry blast
Soon will be overpast;
We shall reach home at last:
Heaven is our Home.

There at our Saviour's side,
Heaven is our Home;
We shall be glorified:
Heaven is our Home.
There are the good and blest,
Those we loved most and best;
There, too, we soon shall rest:
Heaven is our Home.

38.—GOD IS LOVE

AUTUMN.

God is love; His mer - cy brightens All the path in which we move;

Bliss He wakes, and woe He lightens; God is wisdom, God is love.
But His mer - cy wan - eth nev - er; God is wisdom, God is love.

Chance and change are bu - sy ev - er; Man de - cays and a - ges move;

E'en the hour that darkest seemeth
Will his changeless goodness prove;
From the gloom His brightness
streameth;
God is wisdom, God is love.

He — with earthly cares — entwin -
eth
Hope and comfort from above:
Everywhere His glory shineth;
God is wisdom, God is love.

39.—The Cross of Christ.

In the cross of CHRIST I glory,
Towering o'er the wrecks of time;
All the light of sacred story
Gathers round its head sublime.
When the woes of life o'ertake
me,
Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me;
Lo! it glows with peace and joy.

When the sun of bliss is beaming
Light and love upon my way,
From the cross the radiance stream -
ing,
Adds more lustre to the day.
Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,
By the cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure,
Joys that through all time abide.

40.—The Beauty of Christ.

In our hearts we feel his beauty;
The LORD JESUS we would know,—
Learn to live in love and duty,
With a still increasing glow.
Thanks forever, heavenly FATHER,
That when human eyes grow dim,
And deep shadows seem to gather,
Shines a light divine through him.

He saw beauty in the meadow;
Unto him God's world was fair;
For no evil cast its shadow,
When his soul was gazing there.
O, to make him ours forever,
On this earth where once he trod!
Then, through care or sorrow, never
Can we lose our faith in God.

41.—Our Friend.

One there is, above all others,
Well deserves the name of Friend;
His is love beyond a brother's,
Costly, free, and knows no end.
Which of all our friends, to save us,
Could or would have shed his blood?
But our Saviour died to have us
Reconciled in him to God.

When he lived on earth abaséd,
Friend of sinners was his name;
Now above all glory raiséd,
He rejoices in the same.
O, for grace our hearts to soften!
Teach us, LORD, like him to love;
We, alas! forget too often
What a Friend we have above.

42.—Our Full Salvation.

Know, my soul, thy full salvation;
Rise o'er sin, and fear, and care;
Joy to find, in every station,
Something still to do, or bear.
Think what spirit dwells within
thee;
Think what FATHER'S smiles are
thine;
Think what JESUS did to win thee;—
Child of Heaven! canst thou re-
pine?

Haste thee on from grace to glory,
Armed with faith, and winged with
prayer;
Heaven's eternal day's before thee:
God's own hand shall guide thee
there.
Soon shall cease thine earthly mis-
sion;
Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days;
Hope shall change to glad fruition,
Faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

43.—The Quiet Morning.

Welcome!—welcome!—quiet morn-
ing!
Welcome is this holy Day;
Now the Sabbath morn returning,
Says a week has passed away.
Let us think how time is passing,—
Soon the longest life departs;
Nothing human is abiding,
Save the love of humble hearts.
Love to God, and to our neigh-
bor,
Make our purest happiness;
Vain the wish, the care, the labor,
Earth's poor trifles to possess.

Swift our life's vain dreams are pass-
ing,
Like the startled dove they fly,
Or the clouds each other chasing
Over yonder quiet sky.
Father, now one prayer we raise thee:
Give an humble, grateful heart
Never let us cease to praise Thee,
Never from Thy fear depart.
And when years have gathered o'er us,
And the world is sunk in shade,
Heaven's bright realm will rise before
us:
There our treasure shall be laid.

44.—Morning Prayer.

FATHER, in Thy love awaking,
Let our souls their tribute bear,
And, while morning light is breaking,
Help us breathe our thankful prayer.
Through the night while sleep hath
bound us,
Thy kind love has kept us still,
And Thine angel-watches round us
Guarded us from every ill.

Make us truthful, pure and lowly,
In each deed, and word and thought:
Fill our minds with precepts holy,
Which our Saviour's lips have
taught.
And when all our days are ended,
In the way of duty past,
By Thy side, to CHRIST ascended,
Fold us safe in Heaven at last!

STRONG.

God is in His ho - ly 'tem - ple; Tho'ts of
 While with rev' - rence we as - sem - ble, And be -
 D. C. Aid - ing ev' - 'ry good en - deav - or, Guid - ing

FINE.
 earth, be si - lent now, }
 fore His pres - ence bow; } He is with us now and
 ev' - ry up - ward aim.

D. C.
 ev - er, When we call up - on His name,

God is in His holy temple; —
 In the pure and humble mind;
 In the reverent heart and simple;
 In the soul from sin refined.

Then let every low emotion,
 Banished far and silent be!
 And our souls in pure devotion,
 LORD, be temples worthy Thee!

46.—The Song of Children.*

Once was heard the song of children,
 By the SAVIOUR when on earth;
 Joyful in the sacred temple
 Shouts of youthful praise had birth,
 And Hosannas, and Hosannas
 Loud to David's Son broke forth.

Blessed SAVIOUR, now triumphant,
 Glorified and throned on high,
 Mortal lays from man or infant,
 Vain to tell thy praise essay:
 But Hosannas, but Hosannas
 Swell the chorus of the sky.

* Omit the first repeat in the music.

47.—The Fount of Blessing.

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,
 Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
 Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
 Call for songs of loudest praise.
 Teach me some melodious sonnet,
 Sung by flaming tongues above;
 Sacred mount, O, fix me on it, —
 Mount of God's unchanging love.

O, to Grace how great a debtor
 Daily I'm constrained to be!
 Let thy grace, LORD, like a fetter,
 Bind my wandering soul to Thee.
 Prone to wander, LORD, I feel it,
 Prone to leave the GOD of love;
 Here's my heart: O take and seal it, —
 Seal it for Thy courts above.

48.—Angels Near Us.

There are angels ever near us,
As we journey on our way,
Sent to guide us in the darkness,
And to guard us in the day.
When our hearts are sad and weary,
And around us all is drear,
When the world is sad and dreary,
Then the angels they are near.

They are near us in our sadness,
When the dear ones all have fled,
And all thoughts of joy and gladness
Low are buried with the dead.

They are ever, ever near us
With their words of hope and love;
And assurance sweet they give us
Of a brighter Home above.

In the hour of peace and pleasure,
When our hearts are light and gay,
And each joy seems like a treasure
That will never pass away,
Still they're near us, to remind us
That our life must soon be o'er;
And they wait but to attend us
To the bright, eternal Shore.

49.—The Wondrous Story.

Hark! what mean those holy voices,
Sweetly sounding through the
skies?

Lo! the angelic host rejoices;
Heavenly hallelujahs rise.
Listen to the wondrous story
Which they chant in hymns of joy:
"Glory in the highest, glory!
Glory be to God most high!

"Peace on earth, good-will from
Heaven,
Reaching far as man is found:
Souls redeemed and sins forgiven:—
Loud our golden harps shall sound.
CHRIST is born, the great Anointed;
Heaven and earth his praises sing!
O, receive whom God appointed,
For your Prophet, Priest and King."

50.—The Lord our Leader.

Gently, LORD, O gently lead us,
Whereso'er through earth we range;
May no pride nor fear impede us,
Nor our hope to doubting change.
When temptation's darts assail us,
When in devious paths we stray,
Let Thy goodness never fail us—
Lead us in Thy perfect way.

In the hour of pain and anguish,
In the hour when death is near,
Suffer not our souls to languish,
Suffer not our souls to fear.
And when mortal life is ended,
Bid us in Thy presence rest,
Where our praises shall be blended
With the anthems of the blest.

51.—Retreat from Cares.

Far from mortal cares retreating,
Sordid hopes, and vain desires,
Here our willing footsteps meeting,
Every heart to Heaven aspires.
From the fount of glory beaming,
Light celestial cheers our eyes,
Mercy from above proclaiming
Peace and pardon from the Skies.

Who may share this great salvation?
Every pure and humble mind,
Every kindred, tongue, and nation,
From the stains of guilt refined.
Blessings all around bestowing,
God withholds His care from none,
Grace and mercy ever flowing
From the fountain of his Throne.

ADAMS.

LOVE Di-vine, all love ex-cel-ling, Joy of Heav'n to earth come down,

Fix in us Thy humble dwell-ing: All Thy faith-ful mercies crown.

FATHER, Thou art all com-pan-sion; Pure, unbound-ed love Thou art;

Vis-it us with Thy sal-va-tion; En-ter ev-'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit
 Into ev'ry troubled breast:
 Let us all Thy grace inherit,
 Let us find Thy promis'd rest.

Change from glory unto glory,
 Till in Heaven we take our place,
 Till we cast our crowns before Thee;
 Lost in wonder, love and praise.

53.—Guidance.

Lead us, heavenly FATHER, lead us
 O'er the world's tempestuous sea;
 Guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us;
 For we have no help but Thee.

Spirit of our God, descending,
 Fill our hearts with heavenly joy;
 Love with kind affections blending,—
 Pleasures time can never cloy.

54.—Praise the Lord.

Praise the LORD, when blushing
 morning
 Wakes the blossoms fresh with dew;
 When the world, again created,
 Beams with beauties fair and new.
 Praise the LORD, when early breezes
 Come so fragrant from the flowers:
 Praise, thou willow by the brookside!
 Praise, ye birds, among the bowers!

Praise the LORD! and may His bless-
 ing
 Guide us in the way of truth;
 Keep our feet from paths of error,
 Make us holy in our youth.
 Praise the LORD, ye hosts of heaven!
 Angels, sing your sweetest lays!
 All things, utter forth His glory—
 Sound your great Creator's praise!

55.—Charity.

Meek and lowly, pure and holy,
 Chief among the blessed Three,
 Turning sadness into gladness,
 Heaven-born art thou, Charity.
 Pity dwelleth in thy bosom,
 Kindness reigneth o'er thy heart;
 Gentle thoughts alone can sway thee,
 Judgment hath in thee no part.

Hoping ever, failing never,
 Though deceived, believing still;
 Long abiding, all confiding,
 To the heavenly Father's will;
 Never weary of well-doing,
 Never fearful of the end;
 Claiming all mankind as brothers,
 Thou dost all alike befriend.

56.—The Falling Leaves.

[Tune, page 144.]

See the leaves around us falling,
 Dry and withered to the ground;
 Thus to thoughtless mortals calling,
 In a sad and solemn sound:
 "Youth, on length of days presum-
 ing,
 Who the paths of pleasure tread,
 View us, late in beauty blooming,
 Numbered now among the dead.

"What though yet no losses grieve
 you,
 Gay with health and many a grace;
 Let not cloudless skies deceive you:
 Summer gives to autumn place."
 On the tree of life eternal
 Let our highest hopes be stayed:
 This alone, forever vernal,
 Bears a leaf that shall not fade.

57.—Always with Us.

[Tune, page 144.]

Always with us! always with us!
 Words of cheer and words of love;
 Thus the risen SAVIOUR whispers
 From his dwelling-place above:
 With us when we toil in sadness,
 Sowing much and reaping none;
 Telling us that in the future
 Golden harvests shall be won:

With us when the storm is sweeping
 O'er our pathway dark and drear;
 Waking hope within our bosoms,
 Stilling every anxious fear:
 With us in the lonely valley,
 When we cross the chilling stream;
 Lighting up the steps to glory
 With Salvation's radiant beam.

58.—PRAYER FOR STRENGTH.

MOUNT VERNON.

FATHER, hear the pray'r we of-fer! Not for ease that pray'r shall be;
Not for ev-er in green pastures Do we ask our way to be;

But for strength that we may ev-er Live our lives cour-a-geous-ly.
But the steep and rug-ged path-way May we tread re-joic-ing-ly.

Not forever by still waters
Would we idly quiet stay;
But would smite the living fountains
From the rocks along our way.

Be our Strength in hours of weak'n'ss,
In our wanderings be our Guide;
Through endeavor, failure, danger,
FATHER, be Thou at our side!

59.—Prayer for Righteousness.

HEAVENLY FATHER, thou hast told us
What Thou'dst have us be and do;
Thou dost evermore behold us,
And dost search us thro' and thro'.
Fill our hearts with thoughts of JESUS,
And of Heaven, where he is gone;

And let nothing ever please us
He would grieve to look upon.
May our sins be all forgiven;
Make us fear whate'er is wrong;
Lead us in the way of Heaven,
And to sing a nobler song.

60.—Death of a Young Girl.

Sister, thou wast mild and lovely,
Gentle as the summer breeze,
Pleasant as the air of evening,
When it floats among the trees.
Peaceful be thy silent slumber,—
Peaceful in the grave so low;
Thou no more wilt join our number;
Thou no more our songs shalt
know.

Dearest sister, thou hast left us:
Here thy loss we deeply feel;
But 'tis God that hath bereft us;
He can all our sorrows heal.
Yet again we hope to meet thee,
When the day of life is fled,
Then in Heaven with joy to greet
thee,
Where no farewell tear is shed.

61.—THE ALMIGHTY KING.

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AMERICA.

Come, Thou Al-might-y King! Help us Thy name to sing;
Nev-er from us de-part; Rule Thou in ev-'ry heart,

Help us to praise! Fa-ther all glo-ri-ous, O'er all vic-
Hence, ev-er-more! Thy sov'-reign ma-jes-ty May we in

to-ri-ous, Come and reign o-ver us, An-cient of days!
glo-ry see, And to e-ter-ni-ty Love and a-dore.

62.—Our Country.

My country, tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty,
Of thee I sing;
Land where my fathers died,
Land of the pilgrim's pride,
From every mountain side
Let freedom ring.

Let music swell the breeze,
And ring from all the trees
Sweet Freedom's song:
Let mortal tongues awake;
Let all that breathe partake;
Let rocks their silence break, —
The sound prolong.

Our fathers' God, to Thee,
Author of liberty,
To Thee we sing:
Long may our land be bright
With Freedom's holy light;
Protect us by Thy might,
Great God, our King.

63.—Blessings.

Our FATHER! 'tis to Thee,
Supreme in majesty!
Creation's King!
Thy children now would raise
The notes of grateful praise,
And in our feeble lays
Thy goodness sing.

Thy kindness, ever near,
Has made us all Thy care;
And from above,
Rich blessings Thou dost pour,
From an exhaustless store,
To cheer us more and more,
O God of love!

But thanks for more are due:
Thy glorious gospel, too,
To us is given;
May we its precepts prize,
Perform all they advise,
To make us good and wise,
And fit for Heaven.

DEERFIELD.

In the soft sea - son of thy youth, In Na - ture's smil - ing bloom,

Ere age ar - rive, and trembling wait Its summons to the tomb;
Make Him thy Fear, thy Love, thy Hope, Thy Con - fi - dence, thy Joy.

(Re - mem - ber thy Cre - a - tor, God; For Him thy pow'r's em - ploy;

He shall defend and guide thy
course
Through life's uncertain sea,
Till thou art landed on the shore
Of blest eternity.

Then seek the LORD betimes, and
choose
The path of heavenly truth;
The earth affords no lovelier sight
Than a religious youth.

65.—The Blissful Hope.

Hail, sweetest, dearest tie that binds
Our glowing hearts in one;
Hail, sacred hope, that tunes our minds
To sing what God hath done.
It is the hope, the blissful hope,
Which gospel grace hath given;
The hope, when days and years are
past,
We all shall meet in Heaven.

No hope deferred, no parting sigh,
That blessed meeting knows;
There friendship beams from every
eye,
And love immortal grows.
It is the hope, the precious hope,
Which boundless grace hath given;
The hope, when time shall be no more,
We all shall meet in Heaven.

66. — The Faithful Shepherd.

See! the kind Shepherd, JESUS, stands
 And calls his sheep by name,
 Gathers the feeble in his arms,
 And feeds the tender lambs.
 He'll lead us to the heavenly streams
 Where living waters flow;
 And guide us to the fruitful fields
 Where trees of knowledge grow.

When wand'ring from the fold, we leave
 The strait and narrow way,
 Our faithful Shepherd still is near,
 To guide us, lest we stray.
 The feeblest lamb amid the flock
 Shall be the Shepherd's care;
 While folded in his loving arms
 We're safe from every snare.

67. — Our Little Offering.

FATHER! I love to read of Thee,
 And learn of Heaven above;
 To hear what Thou hast done for me
 By Thy unceasing love:
 To think that all this world contains
 Was made and formed by Thee,
 And yet the Power which all sustains
 Has thought and care for me.

That Thou art ever kind and good,
 My constant blessings prove;
 My home, my friends, my daily food,
 Speak Thy unfailing love.
 FATHER! I know each living thing
 Should sing its MAKER's praise;
 O, let me, then, my tribute bring,
 My little offering raise!

68. — The Joy of the World.

Joy to the world! the LORD is come!
 Let earth receive her King;
 Let every heart prepare him room,
 And heaven and nature sing!
 Joy to the earth! the Saviour reigns!
 Let men their songs employ;
 While fields and floods, rocks, hills
 and plains,
 Repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
 Nor thorns infest the ground;
 He comes to make his blessings flow
 As far as sin is found.
 He rules the world with truth and
 grace,
 And makes the nations prove
 The glories of his righteousness,
 And wonders of his love.

69. — Omnipresence.

LORD! teach Thy children how to
 pray,
 And then accept our prayer;
 Thou hearest all the words we say,
 For Thou art everywhere.
 A little sparrow cannot fall
 Unnoticed, LORD, by Thee;
 And, though we are but feeble all,
 Thy constant care are we

Teach us to do whate'er is right;
 When we do wrong, forgive;
 And make it our sincere delight
 To serve Thee while we live.
 Whatever trouble we are in,
 To Thee for help we'll call;
 But keep us more than all from
 sin,
 For that is worse than all.

Allegretto.

JERUSALEM.

Even He who lit the stars of old, And filled the o-cean broad,
Then, as His children we may come, For He hath called us near,

Whose works and ways are man - i - fold— Our FA - THER is our GOD.
And bid our souls take cour - age from The love that casts out fear.

There comes no change up - on His years, No fail - ure to His hand;
LORD, while on earth we work and pray, For good withheld or given,

His love will light - en all our cares, His law our steps command.
Help us in faith and love to say, FA - THER, who art in Heaven.

71.—Earth's Voices.

When warmer suns, and bluer skies,
Proclaim the opening year,
What happy sounds of life arise,
What lovely scenes appear!
Earth with her thousand voices sings
Her song of gladness praise;
And every blade of grass that springs,
God's loving law obeys.

The wind-flower and the violet fair
Reflect the morning sky;
The birds make music in the air,
The brook goes singing by.
Like a spring morning, sweet and clear,
That greets our opening eyes,
The spring of Heaven's eternal year
Shall bring new earth and skies.

72.—Flowers.

O wherefore were the flowers all made
 And dyed with rainbow light,
 All fashioned with the utmost grace,
 Upspringing day and night, —
 Springing in valleys green and low,
 And on the mountains high,
 And in the silent wilderness,
 Where no man passes by?

Our outward life requires them not;
 Then wherefore had they birth? —
 To minister delight to man;
 To beautify the earth;
 To comfort man; to whisper hope,
 Whene'er his faith is dim:
 For He who careth for the flowers
 Will care much more for him.

73.—Brotherly Love.

How sweet, how heavenly is the sight
 When those that love the LORD
 In one another's peace delight,
 And thus fulfil His word! —
 When each can feel his brother's sigh,
 And with him bear a part!
 When sorrow flows from eye to eye,
 And joy from heart to heart! —

When free from envy, scorn and pride,
 Our wishes all above,
 Each can his brother's failings hide,
 And show a brother's love!
 Love is the golden chain that binds
 The happy souls above;
 And he's an heir of Heaven that finds
 His bosom glow with love.

74.—Precious Gifts.

When all Thy mercies, O my God,
 My rising soul surveys,
 Transported with the view, I'm lost
 In wonder, love, and praise.
 Unnumbered comforts on my soul
 Thy tender care bestowed,
 Before my infant heart conceived
 From whom those comforts flowed.

Ten thousand thousand precious gifts
 My daily thanks employ;
 Nor is the least a cheerful heart,
 That tastes those gifts with joy.
 Through every period of my life,
 Thy goodness I'll pursue;
 And after death, in distant worlds,
 The glorious theme renew.

75.—The First Christmas Morn.

Calm, on the listening ear of night,
 Come heaven's melodious strains,
 Where wild Judæa stretches far
 Her silver-mantled plains.
 Celestial choirs, from courts above,
 Shed sacred glories there;
 And angels, with their sparkling lyres,
 Make music on the air.

"Glory to God," the sounding skies
 Loud with their anthems ring;
 "Peace to the earth, good-will to men,
 From Heaven's Eternal King!"
 Light on thy hills, Jerusalem!
 The Saviour now is born;
 And bright, on Beth'lem's joyous plains,
 Breaks the first Christmas morn.

EMMONS.

There is a place of sa - cred rest, Far, far be - yond the

skies; Where beau - ty smiles e - ter - nal - ly, And

pleas - ure nev - er dies, And pleas - ure nev - er dies.

Beyond the storm, beyond the gloom,
Breaks forth the light of morn;
Bright beaming from the FATHER'S
house,
To cheer the soul forlorn.

The vision of that heavenly Home
Shall cheer the parting soul;

And o'er it, mounting to the skies,
A tide of rapture roll.

For there adieus are sounds un-
known,
Death frowns not on that scene;
But life and glorious beauty shine,
Untroubled and serene.

77.—The Light of Men.

Again the LORD of life and light
Awakes the kindling ray,
Unseals the eyelids of the morn,
And pours increasing day.

O, what a night was that which
wrapped

The heathen world in gloom!

O, what a Sun which broke, this day,
Triumphant from the tomb!

This day be grateful homage paid,
And loud hosannas sung;
Let gladness dwell in every heart,
And praise on every tongue.

Ten thousand differing lips shall join
To hail this welcome morn,
Which scatters blessings from its
wings
To nations yet unborn.

78.—The Beautiful.

The beautiful! the beautiful!
Where do we find it not?
It is an all-pervading grace,
And lighteth every spot.

It sparkles on the ocean wave,
It glitters on the dew;
We see it in the glorious sky,
And in the floweret's hue.

On mountain-top, in valley deep,
We find its presence there;
The beautiful! the beautiful!
It liveth everywhere.

If so much loveliness is sent
To grace our present home,
How beautiful! how beautiful
Will be the World to come!

79.—The Word.

How shall the young secure their
hearts,
And guard their lives from sin?
Thy Word the choicest rules imparts,
To keep the conscience clean.

When once it enters to the mind,
It spreads such light abroad,
The meanest souls instruction find,
And raise their thoughts to God.

'Tis like the sun, a heavenly light,
That guides us all the day;
And through the dangers of the
night,
A lamp to lead our way.

Thy word is everlasting truth:
How pure is every page!
Thy holy book shall guide our youth,
And well support our age.

80.—The Glad Sound.

Hark, the glad sound! The Saviour
comes!
The Saviour promised long!
Let every heart prepare a throne,
And every voice a song.
On him the Spirit largely poured,
Exerts its sacred fire;
Wisdom and might, and zeal and love,
His holy breast inspire.

He comes the broken heart to bind,
The bleeding soul to cure;
And with the treasure of his grace
T'enrich the humble poor.

Our glad Hosannas, Prince of Peace,
Thy welcome shall proclaim;
And heaven's eternal arches ring
With thy beloved name.

81.—The Bible.

FATHER of mercies! in Thy Word
What endless glory shines!
Forever be Thy name adored,
For these celestial lines.
Here the Redeemer's welcome voice
Spreads heavenly peace around;

And life and everlasting joys
Attend the blissful sound.

O, may these heavenly pages be
Our study and delight;
And still new beauties may we see,
And still increasing light.

82.—LORD OF ALL.

CORONATION.

All hail the pow'r of JE-sus' name, Let an-gels prostrate fall;

Bring forth the roy-al di-a-dem, And crown Him Lord of all.

Bring forth the roy-al di-a-dem, And crown Him LORD of all.

Let every kindred, every tribe,
On this terrestrial ball,
To him all majesty ascribe,
And crown him LORD of all.

O, that with yonder sacred throng,
We at his feet may fall;
We'll join the everlasting song,
And crown him LORD of all.

83.—The Praise of Christ.

O, for a thousand tongues to sing
My dear Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my LORD and King,
The triumphs of his grace!

JESUS,—the name that charms our
fears,
That bids our sorrows cease,—
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life, and health, and peace.

He speaks, and, listening to his voice,
New life the dead receive;
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice,
The humble poor believe.

Hear him, ye deaf: his praise, ye
dumb,
Your loosened tongues employ:
Ye blind, behold your Saviour come,
And leap, ye lame, for joy.

84.—The Hand of God.

FATHER in Heaven! Thy gracious
power
On every hand we see:
O, may the blessings of each hour
Lead all our thoughts to Thee.
Thy power is in the ocean deeps,
And reaches to the skies;

Thine eye of mercy never sleeps,
Thy goodness never dies.

In all the varying scenes of time
On Thee our hopes depend;
Through every age,—in every
clime,
Our FATHER, and our FRIEND!

85.—Power, Wisdom, and Goodness.

I sing the mighty Power of God,
That made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad,
And built the lofty skies.
I sing the Wisdom that ordained
The sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at His com-
mand,
And all the stars obey.

I sing the Goodness of the LORD,
That filled the earth with food:
He formed the creatures with His
word,
And then pronounced them good.
There's not a plant or flower below,
But makes Thy glory known;
And clouds arise, and tempests blow,
By order from Thy throne.

86.—Amazing Love.

To Thee, my SHEPHERD and my
LORD,
A grateful song I'll raise;
O, let the feeblest of Thy flock
Attempt to speak Thy praise!
My life, my joy, my hope, I owe
To Thine amazing love;

Ten thousand thousand comforts here,
And nobler bliss above.
Lead on, dear SHEPHERD!—led by
Thee,
No evil shall I fear;
Soon shall I reach Thy fold above,
And praise Thee better there.

87.—Nobler Benefits.

Ye humble souls! approach your
God
With songs of sacred praise;
For He is good, supremely good,
And kind are all His ways.
All Nature owns His guardian care;
In Him we live and move;
But nobler benefits declare
The wonders of His love.

He gave His well-belovéd Son,
To save our souls from sin:
'Tis here He made His goodness
known,
And proves it all Divine.
To this dear Refuge, LORD, we come,
And here our hope relies;
A safe defence, a peaceful home,
When storms of trouble rise.

Sempre Legato.

NATICK.

DEAR FATHER, take me to Thy love, And ev - er keep me there,
That I may know Thy peace,—above The reach of earth - ly care.

O, I can trust Him who provides
The thirsty ground with dew,
Whose hand the world upholds and
guides,
For He is good and true.
For the same Hand that smites with
pain,

And sends the wintry snows,
Will mould the frozen clod again
Into the summer rose.

My soul is melted by that love,
So tender and so true;
I can but cry, my LORD and GOD,
What wilt Thou have me do?

89. — Our Strength.

Almighty FATHER! I am weak,
But Thou wilt strengthen me,
If,—from my heart,—I humbly
seek
For help and light from Thee.
When I am tempted to do wrong,
Then, FATHER, pity me,

And make my failing virtue strong,—
Help me to think of Thee.

Let Christian courage guard my
youth;
That courage give to me,
Which ever speaks and acts the truth,
And puts its trust in Thee.

90. — Heavenly Skill.

There's not a tint that paints the rose,
Or decks the lily fair,
Or streaks the humblest flower that
grows,
But God has placed it there.
There's not of grass a simple blade,
Or leaf of lowliest mien,
Where heavenly Skill is not dis-
played,
And heavenly Wisdom seen.

There's not a star, whose twinkling
light
Illumes the spreading earth,—
There's not a cloud, or dark or bright,
But Mercy gave it birth.
Then let us join, and sing His name,
And all His praise rehearse,
Who spread abroad earth's glorious
frame,
And made the universe.

91.—Thy Will be Done.

How sweet to be allowed to pray
To God, the Holy One;
With filial love and trust to say,
"FATHER, Thy will be done!"

We in these sacred words can find
A cure for every ill;
They calm and soothe the troubled
mind,
And bid all care be still.

O, let that Will which gave me breath,
And an immortal soul,
In joy or grief, in life or death,
My every wish control.

O, teach my heart the blessed way
To imitate Thy Son!
Teach me, O GOD, in truth to
pray,
"Thy will, not mine, be done!"

92.—The Dear Redeemer.

Thou dear Redeemer, dying LAMB!
We love to hear of thee:
No music like thy charming name,
So sweet or dear can be.

The gentle whisper of thy voice
Allays each doubting fear;

It bids the trembling soul rejoice,
And dries the falling tear.

This, this shall be our constant theme,
And this our thrilling joy;
The praises of our Saviour's name,
Shall be our sweet employ.

93.—A Little Word.

A little word, in kindness spoke,
A motion, or a tear,
Has often healed a heart that's
broke,
And made a friend sincere.

A word, a look, has crushed to earth
Full many a budding flower,

Which, had a smile but owned its
birth,
Would bless life's darkest hour.

It is not, then, an idle thing
A pleasant word to speak;
The face I wear, the thoughts I bring,
A heart may heal or break.

94.—Our Friend.

FATHER, whatever grief or ill
For us may be in store,
Make us submissive to Thy will,
And we will ask no more.

What sorrows may our steps attend
We never can foretell;

But, as we know God is our Friend,
We feel that all is well.

If all our earthly friends should die,
And leave us mourning here,
Since God will hear the orphan's cry,
O, what have we to fear?

95.—Faith.

The bird let loose in Eastern skies,
Returning fondly home,
Ne'er stoops to earth her wings, nor flies
Where idle warblers roam.

But high she soars thro' air and light,
Above all low delay,
Where nothing earthly bounds her
flight,
Nor shadow dims her way.

So grant me, LORD! from every
snare
Of sinful passion free,
Aloft through faith's serener air
To hold my course to Thee.

No sin to cloud, no lure to stay
My soul, as Home she springs;
Thy sunshine on her joyful way,
Thy freedom on her wings.

96.—OMNISCIENCE.

WOODLAND.

It was our Heavenly Father's love Brought ev - 'ry be - ing
 forth; He made the shin - ing worlds a - bove, He made the
 shin - ing worlds a - bove, And ev - 'ry thing on earth.

He guards us with a Parent's care,
 When we are all alone;
 Our hymns of praise, our humble
 prayer,
 He hears them every one.

He sees and hears us all the day,
 And in the darkest night;

He views us when we disobey,
 And when we act aright.

God hears what we are saying now!
 O, what a wondrous thought!
 Our Heavenly FATHER! teach us
 how
 To love Thee as we ought.

97.—The Sacred Day.

How sweet, upon this sacred Day,
 The best of all the seven,
 To cast our earthly thoughts away,
 And think of God and Heaven!

How sweet to be allowed to pray
 Our sins may be forgiven!
 With filial confidence to say,
 "FATHER, who art in Heaven!"

And if to make our sins depart
 In vain the will has striven,
 He who regards the inmost heart
 Will send His grace from Heaven.

Then hail, thou sacred, blessed Day,
 The best of all the seven,
 When hearts unite, their vows to pay
 Of gratitude to Heaven!

98.—The Good Shepherd.

See JESUS, our kind Shepherd, stand,
 With all-engaging charms;
 Hark, how he calls the tender lambs,
 And folds them in his arms!
 "Permit them to approach," he cries,
 "Nor scorn their humble name;

For 'twas to bless such souls as these
 The LORD of glory came."

The feeblest lamb amid the flock
 Shall be our Shepherd's care;
 While, folded in the Saviour's arms,
 We're safe from every snare.

99.—A Good Woman's Death.

Another hand is beckoning us,
 Another call is given;
 And glows once more with angel steps
 The path that leads to Heaven.

O, half we deemed she needed not
 The changing of her sphere,
 To give to Heaven a shining one,
 Who walked an angel here.

Fold her, O FATHER! in Thine arms,
 And let her henceforth be
 A messenger of love between
 Our human hearts and Thee.

Still let her mild rebukings stand
 Between us and the wrong,
 And her dear memory serve to make
 Our faith in goodness strong.

100.—The Folly of Sin.

Why sh'd we spend our youthful days,
 In folly and in sin,
 When wisdom shows her pleasant
 ways,
 And bids us walk therein?
 Folly and sin our peace destroy;
 They glitter and are past;

They yield us but a moment's joy,
 And end in death at last.

But if true Wisdom we possess,
 Our joys shall never cease;
 Her ways are ways of pleasant-
 ness,
 And all her paths are peace.

101.—Mites.

Scorn not the slightest word or deed,
 Nor deem it void of power;
 There's fruit in each wind-wafted seed,
 Waiting its natal hour.

A whispered word may touch the
 heart,
 And call it back to life;
 A look of love bid sin depart,
 And still unholy strife.

No act falls fruitless; none can tell
 How vast its power may be,
 Nor what results enfolded dwell
 Within it silently.

Work and despair not; bring thy
 mite,
 Nor care how small it be;
 GOD is with all that serve the right,
 The holy, true, and free.

GOULD.

Blest day of God! most calm, most bright! The first and best of days;
The laborer's rest, the saint's de-light, The day of prayer and praise.

My Saviour's face made thee to shine;
His rising thee did raise,
And made thee heavenly and divine
Beyond all other days.

This day I must to God appear;
For, LORD, the day is Thine;
Help me to spend it in Thy fear,
And thus to make it mine.

103.—The Still, Small Voice.

The still, small voice that speaks within,
O, may I have a care!
It speaks to warn from every sin,
And God has placed it there.

If falsehood whispers to my heart
To tell a coward lie,
To hide some careless thing I've done,
I hear the sad voice nigh.

If selfishness would bid me keep
What I should gladly share,
I hear again the inner voice,
And then with shame forbear.

I thank thee, FATHER, for this friend,
Whom I would always heed;
O, may I hear its slightest tone
In every time of need!

104.—Watchfulness.

O gracious God, in whom I live!
My feeble efforts aid;
Help me to watch and pray and strive,
Though trembling and afraid.

Still keep me in the heavenly way,
And bid temptation flee;
And never let me go astray
From happiness and Thee.

105.—The Rose and Lily.

By cool Siloam's shady rill
How sweet the lily grows!
How sweet the breath beneath the
hill
Of Sharon's dewy rose!
Lo, such the child whose early feet
The paths of peace have trod;

Whose secret heart, with influence
sweet,
Is upward drawn to God!

O Thou, who giv'st us life and breath,
We seek Thy grace alone,
In childhood, manhood, age, and death,
To keep us still Thine own!

106.—Death of a Boy.

All are not here! On either hand
 Our anxious glances stray;
 But from among our youthful band
 One form has passed away.
 How swift the unseen angel flies
 To call our fleeting breath:

The closed lid hides his happy eyes,
 His voice is still in death.

Our youthful hearts are full of pain,
 Our eyes with tears are dim;
 He cannot visit us again,
 But we shall go to him.

107.—God ever Nigh.

None is like GOD, who reigns above,
 So great, so pure, so high;
 None is like GOD, whose name is Love,
 And who is always nigh.

In all the earth there is no spot
 That does not claim His care;
 We cannot go where GOD is not,
 For He is everywhere.

He is our best and kindest Friend,
 And guards us night and day:
 To all our wants He will attend,
 And answer when we pray.

O, if we love Him as we ought,
 And on His grace rely,
 We shall be joyful at the thought
 That GOD is ever nigh!

108.—Help.

O help us, LORD! each hour of need,
 Thy heavenly succor give;
 Help us in tho't and word, and deed,
 Each hour on earth we live.

O help us, when our spirits bleed,
 With contrite anguish sore;
 And when our hearts are cold and
 dead,
 O help us, LORD, the more.

O help us, through the prayer of
 faith,
 More firmly to believe;
 For still the more the servant hath,
 The more shall he receive.

O help us, FATHER, from on high;
 We know no help but Thee;
 O help us so to live and die,
 Thine evermore to be.

109.—Our Protector.

LORD, I would own Thy tender
 care,
 And all Thy love to me;
 The food I eat, the clothes I wear,
 Are all bestowed by Thee.

'Tis Thou preservest me from death,
 And dangers every hour;
 I cannot draw another breath,
 Unless Thou giv'st me power.

Kind angels guard me every night,
 As round my bed they stay;
 Nor am I absent from Thy sight,
 In darkness, or by day.

Such goodness, LORD, and constant
 care,
 No one can e'er repay;
 But may it be my daily prayer,
 To love Thee and obey.

HUMNELL.



Be-hold, where, in a mor - tal form, Appears each grace divine ;



The vir - tues, all in JE - sus met, With mildest radiance shine.

To spread the rays of heavenly light,
To give the mourner joy,
To preach glad tidings to the poor,
Was his divine employ.

In the last hour of deep distress,
Before his Father's throne,

With soul resigned, he bowed, and said,
"Thy will, not mine, be done!"

Be CHRIST our pattern and our guide:
His image may we bear!
O, may we tread his holy steps,
His joy and glory share!

III.—The Book of Nature.

There is a book, who runs may
read,
Which heavenly truth imparts,
And all the lore its scholars need,
Pure eyes and Christian hearts.

The works of GOD, above, below,
Within us and around,
Are pages in that book, to show
How God Himself is found.

The glorious sky, embracing all,
Is like the Maker's love,
Wherewith encompassed, great and
small
In peace and order move.

Thou who hast given me eyes to see
And love this sight so fair,
Give me a heart to find out Thee,
And read Thee everywhere.

III.—Pleasant Spring.

The pleasant spring has come again,
The grass is growing green;
And where decay's dark steps have
been,
The springing flowers are seen.

The birds come forth; in every tree
Fresh songs of joy they sing;
And humming insects, light and free,
Join in the grateful hymn.

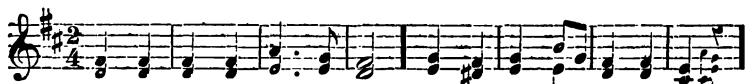
O, may this lesson, newly told,
Of God's almighty power,
With awe and grateful reverence
hold
Our hearts in this glad hour.

May every soul with love be stirred,
Each tongue His praise express,
Who doth, far more than bee or bird,
His own dear children bless.

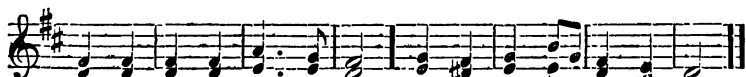
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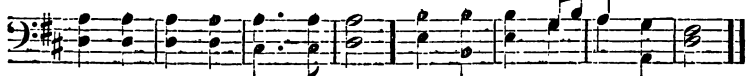
MOZART.



O my heart! from thee, from thee, Wells the fount of life for me;



And when thou true peace hast found, Peace and beau-ty reign around.



Love thy **MAKER**— with him walk,
And with Him hold friendly talk :
Love thy brother — **GOD's** own child!
With pure love and undefiled!

Love all creatures in His name
From whose love all being came,

And through life and nature trace
Everywhere His will and grace.

Then, my heart, thy peace shall be
Like a stream that, full and free,
Nourished by the heavenly wells,
On to'rds Heav'n's broad ocean swells.

114.—"Shepherd of the Holy Hills."

SHEPHERD of the holy hills,
We, Thy lambs, with tender feet,
Follow Thee beside the rills,
And thro' pastures fair and sweet.

Thou dost hear us when we cry ;
Thou dost watch us when alone :
When we faint, Thou drawest nigh,
Soothing us with winning tone.

Thus through all our earthly way,
Be our Guard and only Guide ;
Draw us from the evil way ;
Keep us ever by Thy side.

And when fall the shades of night
On the paths we tread below,
Take us to the fields of light,
Where the living waters flow.

115.—Book Divine.

Holy Bible! book divine!
Precious treasure! thou art mine!
Mine to tell me whence I came;
Mine to teach me what I am;
Mine to chide me when I rove;
Mine to show a Father's love;
Mine to guide my doubtful feet;
Mine to judge, condemn, acquit;

Mine to comfort in distress;
Mine to cheer, sustain, and bless;
Mine to show, by living faith,
Man can triumph over death;
Mine to tell of joys to come;
Mine to lead the spirit Home:
O, thou precious Book divine!
Holy Bible! thou art mine.

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TELEMANN.

CHRIST, the LORD, is ris'n to - day, Sons of men and an-gels say ;

Raise your songs of tri-umph high : Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, re - ply.

Love's redeeming work is done,
Fought the fight, the battle won;
Lo! the sun's eclipse is o'er;
Lo! he sets in blood no more.

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;
CHRIST has burst the gates of hell;

Death in vain forbids his rise;
CHRIST hath opened Paradise.

Soar we now where CHRIST hath led,
Following our exalted Head;
Made like him, like him we rise;
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

117.—Goodness of God.

All things beautiful and fair,
Earth, and sky, and balmy air,
Sunny field, and shady grove,
Gently whisper, "God is Love."

Every tree and flower we pass,
Every tuft of waving grass,
Every leaf and opening bud,
Seem to tell us, "God is good."

Little streams that glide along,
Verdant, mossy banks among,
Shadowing forth the clouds above,
Softly murmur, "God is Love."

He who dwelleth high in Heaven
Unto us all things hath given:
Let us, as through life we move,
Ever feel that "God is Love."

118.—Songs of Praise.

Songs of praise the angels sang,
Heaven with hallelujahs rang,
When JEHOVAH's work begun,
When He spake, and it was done.

Songs of praise awoke the morn,
When the Prince of Peace was born;
Songs of praise arose, when he
Captive led captivity.

Men below, with heart and voice,
Still in songs of praise rejoice,
Learning here, by faith and love,
Songs of praise to sing above.

Borne upon our latest breath,
Songs of praise shall conquer death;
Then, amid eternal joy,
Songs of praise our powers employ.

119.—Thanksgiving.

Praise to God, immortal praise,
For the love that crowns our days;
Bounteous SOURCE of every joy,
Let Thy praise our tongues employ.

For the blessings of the field,
For the stores the gardens yield,
Clouds that drop refreshing dews,
Suns that temperate warmth diffuse;

All that Spring, with bounteous hand
Scatters o'er the smiling land;
All that liberal Autumn pours
From her rich o'erflowing stores;—

These to Thee, our GOD, we owe,
Source whence all our blessings flow:
And for these our souls shall raise
Grateful vows and solemn praise.

120.—Goodness.

Praise to God! O, let us raise
From our hearts a song of praise!
Of that Goodness let us sing,
Whence our lives & blessings spring.

Praise Him for our happy hours,
Praise Him for our varied powers,
For these thoughts that rise above,
For these hearts He made for love:

For the voice He placed within,
Bearing witness when we sin:
Praise to Him whose tender care
Keeps this watchful guardian there!

Praise His mercy, that did send
Jesus for our Guide and Friend!
Praise Him every heart and voice,—
Him who makes all worlds rejoice!

121.—The Feast of Love.

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Thou whose wide-extended sway
Suns and systems e'er obey!
Thou, our Guardian and our Stay,
Grace and peace and truth impart;
May Thy word its power display,
And Thy love-enkindling ray
Warm, enlighten, and assay
Every waiting humble heart.

[Thine we are, and humbly we
Lift the voice, and bend the knee!
Thou art worthy, and shalt be
Ever, evermore adored:
In prospective, LORD, we see
Jew and Gentile, bond and free,
Reconciled in CHRIST to thee,
Holy FATHER, holy LORD.]

Thou by all shalt be confessed,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
When to Thy eternal rest
In the blessed courts above,
Thou shalt bring the sore oppressed,
Fill each joy-desiring breast,
Make of each a welcome guest,
At the feast of heavenly love.

When destroying death shall die,
Hushed be every rising sigh,
Tears be wiped from every eye,
Never, never more to fall;
Then shall praises fill the sky,
And angelic hosts shall cry,
Holy, Holy LORD, Most High,
FATHER, Thou art All in all.

God of glo - ry, GOD of love! LORD of all be - low, a - bove!

Thee we bless for dai - ly food; Thee we bless for ev - 'ry good;

Thee we praise in grate - ful song, Thou to whom our thanks be - long!

Thee we praise in grate - ful song, Thou to whom our thanks be - long!

More than all, we praise Thee, LORD;
 For the blessing of Thy word;
 For the tidings Jesus brought,
 For the precepts Jesus taught:
 ||: Jesus leads our thoughts above;
 Taught by him, we praise Thy love. :||

Gracious FATHER, heavenly King!
 Feeble lips presume to sing:
 Children's voices humbly raise
 Grateful, fervent songs of praise:
 ||: Endless praise to Thee be given,
 Glorious LORD of earth and heaven! :||

123.—Lowly Praises.

LORD, in Heaven, thy dwelling-place,
 Hear the praises of our race,
 And, while hearing, let Thy grace
 Dews of sweet forgiveness pour;
 While we know, benignant King,
 That the praises which we bring
 Are a worthless offering,
 Till Thy blessing makes it more.

More of truth, and more of might,
 More of love, and more of light,
 More of reason, and of right,
 From Thy pardoning grace be given.
 It can make the humblest song
 Sweet, acceptable, and strong,
 As the strains the angels' throng
 Pour around the throne of Heaven.

124.—Joy in Heaven.

There was holy joy in Heaven!
 There was holy joy in Heaven!
 When, this goodly world to frame,
 God in light and mercy came:
 Shouts of joy were heard on high,
 And the stars sang from the sky,
 ||: Glory be to God in Heaven!": ||

There was holy joy in Heaven!
 There was holy joy in Heaven!
 When of love the midnight beam
 Mildly shone on Bethlehem,

And along the echoing hill
 Angels sang — "On earth good will,
 ||: Glory in the highest Heaven!": ||

There is holy joy in Heaven!
 There is holy joy in Heaven!
 When the soul that went astray
 Turns again to virtue's way;
 When the soul, by love subdued
 Sobs its prayer of gratitude,
 ||: Then are praise and joy in
 Heaven!": ||

125.—The Best Day.

FATHER! through another week
 Thou hast brought us on our way;
 We would now Thy blessing seek
 On this hallowed Sabbath-day:
 ||: Day of all the week the best,
 Earthly type of heavenly rest.: ||

FATHER! we implore Thy grace
 In the Saviour's blessed name;
 From our hearts all sin efface,
 Kindle there devotion's flame:
 ||: Thus, in faith and purity,
 Let us seek and worship Thee.: ||

126.—The Glorious Name.

Holy, holy, holy LORD,
 Be Thy glorious name adored;
 LORD, Thy mercies never fail;
 Hail, celestial Goodness, hail!
 Though unworthy, LORD, Thine ear,
 Deign our humble songs to hear;
 Purer praise we hope to bring
 When around Thy throne we sing.

There no tongue shall silent be;
 All shall join in harmony;
 And, thro' Heaven's capacious round,
 Praise to Thee shall ever sound.
 LORD, Thy mercies never fail;
 Hail, celestial Goodness, hail!
 Holy, holy, holy LORD,
 Be Thy glorious name adored!

MARTYN.

{ 1 They who seek the throne of grace Find that throne in
 } 2 Would we live a life of prayer, God is pres - ent
 D.C. 4 Would we look to God in prayer, He is pres - ent

FINE. D. C.

ev - 'ry place; } } 3 In our sick - ness and our health, }
 ev - 'ry - where. } } In our want, or in our wealth, }
 ev - 'ry - where.

When our earthly comforts fail,
 When the woes of life prevail,
 'Tis the time for earnest prayer;
 God is present everywhere.

Then my soul, in every strait
 To thy FATHER come and wait;
 He will answer every prayer;
 God is present everywhere.

128.—Easter Morning.

Mary to the Saviour's tomb
 Hasted at the early dawn;
 Spice she brought and sweet perfume,
 But the LORD she loved had gone.
 For a while she lingering stood,
 Filled with sorrow and surprise;
 Trembling while a crystal flood
 Issued from her weeping eyes.

But her sorrows quickly fled
 When she heard his welcome voice:
 CHRIST has risen from the dead;
 Now he bids her heart rejoice:
 What a change his word can make,
 Turning darkness into day!
 Ye who weep for JESUS' sake,
 He will wipe your tears away.

129.—Help and Comfort.

FATHER, Friend of every soul,
 Let me to Thy bosom fly,
 While the waters near me roll,
 While the tempest still is high:
 Hide me, O my FATHER, hide,
 Till the storm of life is past;
 Safe into the haven guide:
 O, receive my soul at last!

Other refuge have I none;
 Hangs my helpless soul on Thee:
 Leave, ah! leave me not alone;
 Still support and comfort me:
 All my trust on Thee is stayed,
 All my help from Thee I bring;
 Cover my defenceless head
 With the shadow of Thy wing.

130. — Docility.*

Quiet, LORD, my froward heart;
 Make me teachable and mild;
 Upright, simple, free from art,
 Make me as a little child;
 From distrust and envy free,
 Pleased with all that pleaseth Thee.

What Thou shalt to-day provide,
 Let me as a child receive;
 What to-morrow may betide,

Calmly to Thy wisdom leave;
 'Tis enough that Thou wilt care;
 Why should I the burden bear?

As a little child relies
 On a care beyond his own,
 Knows he's neither strong nor wise,
 Fears to stir a stop alone, —
 Let me thus with Thee abide,
 As my Father, Guard, and Guide.

* Omit the first repeat in the music.

131. — Birds and Flowers.†

Lo! the lilies of the field!
 How their leaves instruction yield!
 Hark to Nature's lesson given
 By the blesséd birds of heaven!
 Every bush and tufted tree
 Warbles trust and piety:
 Children, banish doubt and sorrow, —
 GOD provideth for the morrow.

One there lives, whose guardian eye
 Guides our earthly destiny;
 One there lives, who, LORD of all,
 Keeps His children lest they fall:
 Pass we, then, in love and praise,
 Trusting Him, through all our days,
 Free from doubt & faithless sorrow, —
 GOD provideth for the morrow.

† The last two lines of each stanza can easily be accommodated to the music.

132. — The Guest of God.‡

Who shall towards Thy chosen seat
 Turn, O LORD, his favored feet?
 Who shall at Thine altar bend?
 Who Thy holy hill ascend?
 Who, great GOD, a welcome guest,
 On Thy holy mountain rest?
 He whose heart Thy love has warmed;
 He whose will, to Thine conformed,
 Bids his life unsullied run;

He whose word and thought are one;
 Who, from sin's contagion free,
 Lifts his willing soul to Thee.

He who thus, with heart unstained,
 Treads the path by Thee ordained,
 He shall towards Thy chosen seat
 Turn, O LORD, his favored feet;
 He Thy ceaseless care shall prove;
 He shall share Thy constant love.

‡ Omit the first repeat in the music.

133. — The Accepted Offering.

LORD, what offering shall we bring,
 At Thine altars when we bow?
 Hearts, the pure, unsullied spring
 Whence the kind affections flow;
 Soft compassion's feeling soul,
 By the melting eye expressed;
 Sympathy, at whose control
 Sorrow leaves the wounded breast;

Willing hands to lead the blind,
 Bind the wounded, feed the poor;
 Love, embracing all our kind;
 Charity, with liberal store: —
 Teach us, O Thou heavenly King,
 Thus to show our grateful mind,
 Thus the accepted offering bring, —
 Love to Thee and all mankind.

HORTON.



SAV - IOUR, to the liv - ing well Thou hast
brought our wil - ling feet; Where its pur - est
wa - ters swell, Thou hast made our blest re - treat.

Other lambs, to thee as dear,
Wander in the desert bare,
Thirsting for the fountain clear,
Fainting in the sultry air.

We would lead them to thy side,
That, like us, they may be blest;

Tender Shepherd, be their guide
To the pastures of our rest.

We would bring them to the spring
Of thy never-failing love;
Let its waters murmuring
All their pain and thirst remove.

135.—Our Guide.

Feeble, helpless, how shall I
Learn to live and learn to die?
Who, O God, my guide shall be?
Who shall lead Thy child to Thee?

Blessed FATHER! gracious ONE!
Thou hast sent Thy holy Son;
He will give the light I need,
He my trembling steps will lead.

Through this world, uncertain, dim,
Let me ever lean on him;
From his precepts wisdom draw,
Make his life my solemn law.

Thus in deed, and thought, and word,
Led by JESUS CHRIST the Lord,
Peaceful, fearless, thus shall I
Learn to live and learn to die.

136.—Light and Love.

Gracious Spirit, LOVE Divine!
 Let Thy light within me shine:
 All my doubts and fears remove;
 Fill me with Thy heavenly love.

Let me never from Thee stray;
 Keep me in the narrow way:
 Fill my soul with joy divine;
 Keep me, LORD, forever Thine.

137.—Rest.

Happy soul, that, safe from harm,
 Rests within his Shepherd's arm!
 Who his quiet shall molest?
 Who shall violate his rest?

Seek, O LORD, Thy wandering sheep;
 Bring me back, and lead, and keep;
 Take on Thee my every care;
 Bear me, on thy bosom bear.

Let me know Thy gracious voice,
 More and more in Thee rejoice,
 More and more of Thee receive,
 Ever in Thy spirit live;—

Live till all Thy love I know,
 Perfect in my LORD below:
 Gladly then from earth remove,
 Gathered to the fold above.

138.—Our Daily Bread.

Day by day the manna fell,—
 O, to learn this lesson well!
 Still by constant mercy fed,
 Give us, LORD, our daily bread.

“Day by day,” the promise reads;
 Daily strength for daily needs;

Cast foreboding fears away,
 Take the manna of to-day.

Thou our daily task shalt give:
 Day by day to Thee we live;
 So shall added years fulfil
 Not our own, our FATHER's will.

139.—No One but God.

LORD of earth!—Thy forming hand
 Well this beauteous frame hath
 planned,
 Woods that wave, and hills that tower,
 Ocean rolling in his power.

Yet amid this scene so fair,
 Should I cease Thy smile to share,
 What were all its joys to me?
 Whom have I on earth but Thee?

LORD of Heaven!—,beyond our
 sight

Rolls a world of pure delight;
 There in love's unclouded reign
 Parted hands shall clasp again.

O! that world is passing fair,
 Yet if Thou wert absent there,
 What were all its joys to me?
 Whom have I in heaven but Thee?

140.—Peace.

When this hour of praise shall cease,
 Let Thy servants, LORD, depart,
 With the blessing of Thy peace,
 And Thy love, in every heart.

Where'er our path may lie,
 FATHER let us not forget

That we walk beneath Thine eye,
 That Thy care upholds us yet.

Blind are we, and weak and frail;
 Be Thine aid forever near;
 May the fear to sin prevail
 Over every other fear.

STATE STREET.

Sweet is the task, O Lord, Thy glorious acts to sing,
Sweet, at the dawn - ing hour, Thy boundless love to tell,

(To praise Thy name, and hear Thy word, And grate-ful offerings bring.
And when the night-wind shuts the flower Still on the theme to dwell.

(Sweet, on this day of rest,
To join in heart and voice,
With those who love and serve Thee
best,
And in Thy name rejoice.

To songs of praise and joy
Be every Sabbath given;
For such shall be our blest em-
ploy
Eternally in Heaven.

142.—The Strongest Tie.

Love is the strongest tie
That can our hearts unite;
Love makes our service liberty,
Our every burden light.
We run in God's commands,
When love directs the way, —
With willing hearts and active hands,
Our Maker's will obey.

Love softens all our toil,
And makes our bondage blest;
The gloomy desert wears a smile
When love inspires the breast.
Let love forever grow,
And banish wrath and strife:
So shall we witness here below
The joys of heavenly life.

143.—Our Other Home.

Now o'er earth's smiling face
Our eyes delighted roam,
But this is not our dwelling-place,
We have another Home.
We look beyond this sphere,
To one more bright and pure;
Where sin shall never cause a
tear,
Nor pain the heart endure;

Where those that we have loved
In happiness shall meet:
Their radiant brows, with glory
crowned,
Shall bend at Jesus' feet.
This faith be our defence
From fear, when death shall come,
An angel sent to call us hence,
To Heaven, our other home.

144.—Our Benefactor.

My Maker and my King!
To Thee my all I owe:
Thy sovereign bounty is the spring
From whence my blessings flew.

Thou ever good and kind!
A thousand reasons move,—
A thousand obligations bind,—
My heart to grateful love.

The creature of Thy hand,
On Thee alone I live:
My God! Thy benefits demand
More praise than tongue can give.

O, let Thy grace inspire
My soul with strength divine;
Let all my powers to Thee aspire,
And all my days be Thine.

145.—Heaven Everywhere.

Our Heaven is everywhere,
If we but love the LORD,
Unswerving tread the narrow way,
And ever shun the broad.

'Tis where the trusting heart
Bows meekly to its grief,
Still looking up with earnest faith,
For comfort and relief.

Where guileless infancy
In happiness doth dwell,
And where the aged one can say,
"He hath done all things well."

Wherever truth abides,
Sweet peace is ever there;
If we but love and serve the LORD,
Our Heaven is everywhere.

146.—The Eternal Day.

In God's eternity
There shall a day arise,
When all the race of man shall be
With JESUS in the skies.

As night before the rays
Of morning flees away,
Sin shall retire before the blaze
Of God's eternal day

As music fills the grove,
When stormy clouds are past,
Sweet anthems of redeeming love
Shall all employ at last.

Redeemed from death and sin,
Shall Adam's numerous race
A ceaseless song of praise begin,
And shout redeeming grace.

147.—Mercies.

O, bless the LORD, my soul!
Let all within me join,
And aid my tongue to bless His name,
Whose favors are Divine.

O, bless the LORD, my soul!
Nor let His mercies lie
Forgotten in unthankfulness,
And without praises die.

'Tis He forgives thy sins,
'Tis He relieves thy pains,
'Tis He that heals thy sicknesses,
And makes thee young again.

Then bless the LORD, my soul!
His grace, His love proclaim:
Let all that is within me, join
To bless His holy name.

GERAR.

My FA - THER!— cheer - ing name! O, may I

call Thee mine? Give me..... the hum - - ble

hope..... to claim..... A por - tion so di - vine.

Whate'er Thy will denies,
I calmly would resign;
For Thou art just, and good, and wise,
O, bend my will to thine!

Whate'er Thy will ordains,
O, give me strength to bear;

Still let me know a Father reigns,
And trust a Father's care.

My FATHER!— blissful name!
Above expression dear!
If Thou accept my humble claim,
I bid adieu to fear.

149.—Heavenly Joy.

Come, ye that love the LORD,
And let your joys be known;
Join in a song with sweet ac-
cord,
And thus surround the Throne.

The sorrows of the mind
Be banished from the place;

Religion never was designed
To make our pleasures less.)

Then let our songs abound,
And every tear be dry;
We're marching through the Saviour's
ground,
To fairer worlds on high.

150.—Providence.

How gentle God's commands,
How kind His precepts are!
Come, cast your burdens on the LORD,
And trust His constant care.

His bounty will provide;
Ye shall securely dwell;
The Hand that bears creation up
Shall guard His children well.

151.—The Friendly Voice.

Sweet is the friendly Voice
Which speaks of life and peace;
Which bids the penitent rejoice,
And sin and sorrow cease.

No balm on earth like this
Can cheer the contrite heart;
No flattering dreams of earthly bliss
Such pure delight impart.

Still merciful and kind,
Thy mercy, LORD, reveal:
The broken heart Thy love can bind,
The wounded spirit heal.

Thy presence shall restore
Peace to my anxious breast;
LORD, let my steps be drawn no more
From paths which Thou hast blessed.

152.—The All Commanding Name.

My FATHER! I adore
That all-commanding Name:
O, may it virtue's strength restore,
And raise devotion's flame!

I bow at Thy command,
And filial homage pay;
With heart and life, with tongue and
hands,
I'll cheerfully obey.

No more would I transgress,
As I too oft have done;
But every sinful thought suppress,
Each sinful action shun.

Do Thou the strength impart
This purpose to fulfil;
LORD, write Thy laws within my
heart,
That I may do Thy will.

153.—Our Shepherd and Guide.

While my Redeemer's near,
My Shepherd and my Guide,
I bid farewell to anxious fear;
My wants are all supplied.

To ever fragrant meads,
Where rich abundance grows,

His gracious hand indulgent leads,
And guards my sweet repose.

Dear Shepherd, if I stray,
My wandering feet restore:
To Thy fair pastures guide my way,
And let me rove no more.

154.—The Tie of Love.

Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.

Before our FATHER's throne
We pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
Our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes,
Our mutual burdens bear;
And often for each other flows
The sympathizing tear.

From sorrow, toil, and pain,
Soon shall we all be free;
And perfect love and friendship reign
Through all eternity.

174 155.—OUR STRONG SALVATION.

God is my strong Sal - va - tion; What foe have I to fear?

In dark - ness and temp - ta - tion My Light, my Help is near.
 d. s. What ter - ror can confound me With God at my right hand?

Though hosts encamp a - round me, Firm to the fight I stand,
 D. s.

Place on the LORD reliance;
 My soul, with courage wait;
 His truth be thine affiance,
 When faint and desolate;

His might thy heart shall strengthen;
 His love thy joy increase;
 Mercy thy days shall lengthen;
 The LORD will give thee peace.

156.—Pray without Ceasing.

Go when the morning shineth,
 Go when the noon is bright,
 Go when the eve declineth,
 Go in the hush of night;
 Go with pure mind and feeling,
 Cast earthly thoughts away,
 And, in thy closet kneeling,
 Do thou in secret pray.
 Remember all who love thee,
 All who are loved by thee;
 Pray, too, for those who hate thee,
 If any such there be;

Then for thyself, in meekness,
 A blessing humbly claim,
 And blend with each petition
 Thy great Redeemer's name.
 O, not a joy or blessing
 With this can we compare, —
 The grace our FATHER gave us
 To pour our souls in prayer:
 Whene'er thou pin'est in sadness,
 Before His footstool fall;
 Remember, in thy gladness,
 His love, who gave thee all.

157.—Humble Thanks.

We come, O God, with gladness,
 Our humble thanks to bring;
 With hearts yet free from sadness,
 Our hymns of praise we sing.
 Along our path are glowing
 The tokens of Thy love, —
 Like streams of bounty flowing,
 Thy mercies from above.

Health, peace and joy attend us,
 Kind friends are ever near;
 O FATHER! Thou dost send us
 Unnumbered blessings here:

And though we, in our blindness,
 Enjoy, but disobey,
 Yet still Thou, in Thy kindness,
 Tak'st not Thy gifts away.

Here, then, in life's glad morning
 Our hymns to Thee we raise;
 Thy love, our lives adorning,
 Shall fill our hearts with praise.
 Thy will henceforth, forever,
 Shall be our only guide;
 From duty's path we'd never,
 O, never! turn aside.

158.—Independence.

We come, with joy and gladness,
 To breathe our songs of praise;
 Nor let one note of sadness
 Be mingled in our lays;
 For 'tis a hallowed story,
 This theme of Freedom's birth:
 Our fathers' deeds of glory
 Are echoed round the earth.

The sound is waxing stronger,
 And thrones and nations hear:
 Proud men shall rule no longer,
 For God the LORD is near;

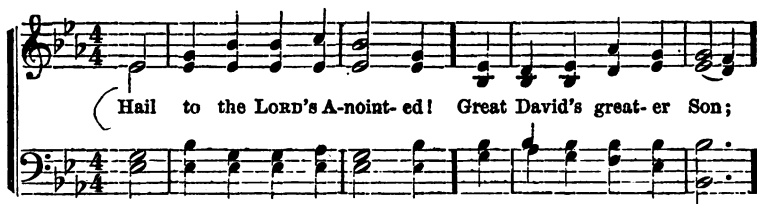
And He will crush oppression,
 And raise the humble mind,
 And give the earth's possession
 Among the good and kind.

And then shall sink the mountains,
 Where pride and power are crown'd,
 And peace, like gentle fountains,
 Shall shed its pureness round.
 O God, we would adore Thee,
 And in Thy shadow rest;
 Our fathers bowed before Thee,
 And trusted, and were blest.

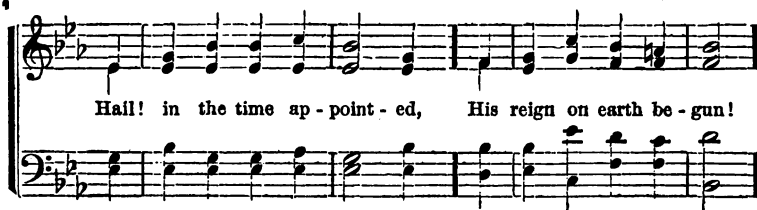
159.—What a World!

O, what a world this might be,
 If hearts were always kind;
 If, Friendship, none would slight thee,
 And Fortune prove less blind;
 With love's own voice to guide us,
 Unchanging e'er, and fond,
 With all we wish beside us,
 And not a care beyond!

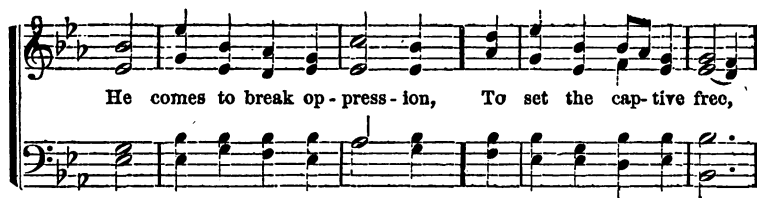
O, what a world of beauty
 A loving heart might plan,
 If man but did his duty,
 And helped his brother-man!
 Then angel guests would brighten
 The threshold with their wings,
 And love divine enlighten
 The old forgotten springs.



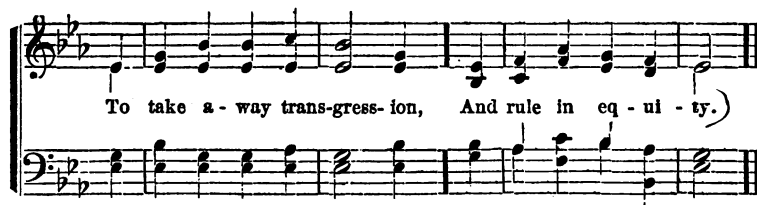
Hail to the Lord's Anointed! Great David's greater Son;



Hail! in the time appointed, His reign on earth begun!



He comes to break oppression, To set the captive free,



To take away transgression, And rule in equity.)

He shall come down like showers
 Upon the fruitful earth,
 And love, and joy, like flowers,
 Spring in his path to birth;
 Before him on the mountains,
 Shall peace, the herald, go,
 And righteousness, in fountains,
 From hill to valley flow.

For him shall prayer unceasing,
 And daily vows ascend, —
 His kingdom still increasing,
 A kingdom without end:
 The tide of time shall never
 His covenant remove;
 His name shall stand forever;
 That name to us is — Love.

161.—Worship.

O GOD, our heavenly FATHER!
 With grateful hearts we come,
 And in devotion gather
 Within this hallowed room:
 And while our feeble voices
 Bear up the hymn to Thee,
 Each tender heart rejoices
 In Thy benignity.

Here may Thy blessing greet us,
 On this Thy holy Day,
 And here Thy spirit meet us,
 And point the heavenly way, —

The way of truth and duty,
 Pursued by Thy dear Son, —
 The path of light and beauty, —
 Heaven's course on earth begun.

O FATHER! here endue us
 With wisdom from on high:
 And, as we need, renew us
 In Christ-like piety.
 Thy spirit, let it guide us
 Along life's devious road;
 Thy love at last provide us
 A rest with Thee, O GOD!

162.—Grateful Praise.

We meet again in gladness,
 And thankful voices raise:
 To GOD, our heavenly FATHER,
 We tune our grateful praise:
 His own kind hand hath kept us
 Through all the changing year;
 His love it is that brings us
 Again to worship here.

We thank Him for the Sabbath,
 This Day of holy rest;
 And for the blesséd Bible,
 The Book the good love best;

We thank Him for our country,
 The land our fathers trod;
 For liberty of conscience,
 And right to worship GOD.

Soon, FATHER, may Thy kingdom
 Extend o'er every land,
 And all, as willing subjects,
 Submit to Thy command.
 Send forth the Gospel tidings,
 And hasten on the day
 When every isle and nation
 Shall own the Saviour's sway.

163.—The Joy of Religion.

It is not earthly pleasure,
 That withers in a day, —
 It is not mortal treasure,
 That flieth soon away, —
 It is not friends that leave us, —
 It is not sense nor sin,
 That smile but to deceive us, —
 Can give us peace within.

But 'tis religion bringeth
 Joy beyond earth's control;
 Rich from the fount it springeth,
 Within the child's pure soul;

He that is meek and lowly
 The Saviour's face may see;
 To none but to the holy
 Heaven's gates can opened be

LORD! be Thy spirit near us,
 While we Thy word are taught;
 And may these days that cheer us
 With future good be fraught;
 May we, to Heaven invited,
 When years and life are flown,
 All souls in CHRIST united,
 Assemble round Thy throne.

	HYMN.		HYMN.
Even He who lit the stars of old,	70	O, come, loud anthems let us sing,	4
Far from mortal cares retreating.	51	O for a thousand tongues to sing,	83
Father and Friend, Thy light, Thy love,	17	O God, my Father and my King,	19
Father, Friend of every soul,	129	O God, our Heavenly Father,	161
Father, hear the prayer we offer,	58	O gracious God, in whom I live,	104
Father, I love to read of Thee,	67	O, help us, Lord, each hour of need,	108
Father in Heaven, Thy ceaseless love,	8	O my heart, from thee, from thee,	113
Father in Heaven, Thy gracious power,	84	Once was heard the song of children,	46
Father, in Thy love awaking,	44	One there is, above all others,	41
Father of mercies, in Thy word,	81	O, not a faith is taught by man,	7
Father, teach me, day by day,	166	O, praise ye the Lord, prepare your glad	31
Father, through another week,	125	O, render thanks to God above,	12
Father, whatever grief or ill,	94	O, sweet as heavenly music broke,	23
Feeble, helpless, how shall I,	135	Our Father in Heaven, we hallow Thy name,	30
From all that dwell below the skies,	14	Our Father, 'tis to thee,	63
From every stormy wind that blows,	27	Our Heaven is everywhere,	145
Gently, Lord, O gently lead us,	60	O, what a world this might be,	159
God is in his holy temple	45	O, wherefore were the flowers all made,	72
God is love: His mercy brightens,	38	Praise the Lord, when blushing morning,	54
God is my strong salvation,	155	Praise to God, immortal praise,	119
God is so good that He will hear,	5	Praise to God! O, let us raise,	120
God of glory, God of love!	122	Quiet, Lord, my froward heart,	130
Go when the morning shineth,	156	Saviour, our hearts we bring,	35
Gracious Spirit, Love divine!	136	Saviour, to the living well,	134
Great God, we sing that mighty Hand,	2	Scorn not the slightest word or deed,	101
Hail, sweetest, dearest tie that binds,	65	See Jesus, our kind Shepherd, stand,	98
Hail to the Lord's Anointed,	160	See, the kind Shepherd, Jesus, stands,	66
Happy soul, that safe from harm,	137	See the leaves around us falling,	56
Hark, the glad sound! the Saviour comes!	80	Shepherd of the holy hills,	114
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